

Waterbury Conservation Commission 5/13/14 Meeting Minutes

Present: Allan Thompson, Mike Hedges, Joan Beard, Aric Brown, Heather O'Wril, Steve Hagenbuch

LEAP event reflections

- The event was slow all around. Less people, some were outside only.
- All bird flyers were given out with good interest from participants.
- Better display material, more applied to Waterbury resident interests; wildlife, specific locations. Wildlife crossing map reincarnation may be warranted.
- Do we do it again? Yes, It is low cost, any publicity is good.

WCC strategic planning meeting

- Joan suggested we host a self driven strategic planning meeting. Joan recited the Conservation Bylaws. Further discussion occurred regarding needs and potential results of a meeting like this. Commissioners felt this was a good idea.
- Allan will contact a person to moderate the discussion to assist in Developing WCC mission, message, strategies and action: Becca?
- Invite Steve Lotspeich
- This should occur in September/October.

Brief Updates:

- By way signs were presented and drafts look good. Next steps are to develop byway website to inform users. Ideas for webpage include rec map, historical map and links to other byways. Commerce website links may not be included due to federal funding constraints.
- Mike H. is almost out of Rec Maps.
- A discussion was held to identify how the byway helps the communities: w/ tourism, w/maps and orienting to the surroundings w/marketing the area.
- Mike H. has a new position title as AOT reorganized its ranks.

Bird Event Tasks

- Joan will talk with WDEV about potentially sharing our bird event.
- Joan is on refreshments
- Mike, Joan, Aric, Allan, and Steve are planning on attending. Heather will be absent.
- Allan will bring Conservation fund set-up and other WCC flyers.
- Aric will prepare maps for bird walk

Phragmites burned on the Waterbury Center sand pile. Hmm...

Allan proposed a month without a meeting. Joan suggested that rather than cancelling a meeting, we host a member potluck. Perhaps open this to other participants/public. Schedule this? August 2014?