



**Waterbury Conservation Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes – 11/13/2018**

Present: Allan Thompson, Steve Hagenbuch, Mike Hedges, Joan Beard, Erin Hurley, Katrina VanTyne, Tracy Sweeney

- 1. Agenda approved**
- 2. September minutes approved**
- 3. December 13 Shutesville Hill presentation**
 - Tom Rogers, a biologist with VT Fish and Wildlife Department, will be providing his presentation “Vermont Wildlife in a Changing Climate” at 7:00 pm on Dec. 13 at the Green Mountain Club Visitors Center
 - Erin, Tracy, Joan, Mike, and Katrina will put up posters for the event in Waterbury, Stowe, and Montpelier
 - Steve will send the announcement out to the WCC email list
 - Katrina will post to the WCC Facebook page and website
 - Tracy to post on Waterbury Front Porch Forum, Erin on Stowe’s FPF
 - WCC members asked to arrive at 6:00 pm for setup
- 4. New Treasurer**
 - Erin was elected as the new WCC treasurer, replacing Nick Waringa who recently resigned. Thanks Erin!
- 5. Shutesville Updates**
 - Fundraising
 - The next fundraising meeting will be held on Dec. 6 at 5:30 pm at the Green Mountain Club Visitors Center. VT Land Trust staff will facilitate the meeting. WCC members are encouraged to attend and/or identify other community members that may be interested in attending.
- 6. WCC Budget and Conservation Fund**
 - Erin to prepare a FY19 budget to present to Bill Shepeluk
 - Discussion ensued around the Waterbury Conservation Fund and if/how this is accounted for separately from the WCC budget. General consensus from WCC members is that donations to the Fund should not be used to cover annual budget but rather be placed into a separate account and held for specific conservation projects. As a note the Conservation Fund was adopted by the Waterbury Select Board on April 19, 2010. It is not funded by taxpayer money but by voluntary contributions.

- Erin to request a meeting with Bill Shepeluk and Steve Lotspeich to discuss budget and Conservation Fund

7. Waterbury Land Initiative (WLI) Updates

- No significant updates at this time

8. Planning Commission meetings

- Steve Lotspeich has invited WCC to attend Planning Commission meetings with a particular focus on zoning re-writes. WCC appreciates this opportunity as a way to better understand the process, collect information, and offer comments relating to natural resource impacts as appropriate.
- Katrina, Joan, and Mike have offered to share the responsibility of attending on WCCs behalf
- It was decided that at each WCC monthly meeting a liaison would be selected for subsequent Planning Commission meeting

9. Other

- A meeting on Emerald Ash Borer preparedness and management for Central Vt communities is scheduled for November 28 from 4:00-6:00 pm at the UVM Extension office in Berlin
- WCC meetings will now take place from 6:00 – 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the Steele Community Room

Meeting adjourned 6:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hagenbuch