

Waterbury Conservation Commission Draft Meeting Minutes – 5/14/2019

Present: Allan Thompson, Mike Hedges, Erin Hurley, Krista Battles, Joan Beard,

1. Agenda approved
2. Minutes Approved
3. Introduction to Steve Lotspeich and wildlife and planning interests

Discussed the WCC's interest in greater inclusion of Shutesville Hill Wildlife Corridor (SHWC) into town plan and/or zoning regulations.

- We discussed the history of efforts trying to get SHWC in the town plan as mapped. The planning commission did not vote against its inclusion, rather voted to include a task in the town plan to consider including a map of the SHWC in the town plan and have that move through a public process.
 - Implications of including a SHWC into the next town plan is possible but time consuming. Possible that planning commission would put this off and the Town plan would need to go back through public process/select board approval creating potential challenges with doing so.
 - Discussed what already exists in the town plan in terms of Interior forest blocks and Connectivity blocks on maps, but doesn't really describe these in the town plan. These blocks, in some way represent the corridor to some degree and by including these into the town plan, the SHWC is also included in these blocks.
 - DRB. Another interest is to better articulate or to protect the SHWC in the zoning regulations. Nick W. prepared draft language for consideration a few weeks ago. Steve L. suggested a willingness to bring new language to the planning commission that includes better protection of the SHWC into the zoning regulations. The WCC, generally was in favor of working with the planning commission on revising language or including language for the zoning regulations that are slated for revision soon.
 - Allan reminded the group that a better understanding of the zoning regulations is required to participate in a zoning discussion a meaningful way. Something that to date, has been difficult to do.
 - Next meeting strategize how to start the dialogue.
4. Updates on SHWC events. Bird events June 5th (indoor) and June 8th (bird walk)
 5. Invasive survey project. Delegating routes and methods.
 1. Little River Rd, Winooski St, River Rd and other village roads **ERIN**
 2. Perry Hill, Perry Lea, Upland Mowing, Woodland Acres... **MIKE**
 3. Blush Hill, Lonesome, Crossroads, Laurel Ln... **KRISTA**
 4. Guptil, Kneeland, Loomis, Valley View... **ALLAN**
 5. Shaw Mansion, Ripley, Sweet... **TRACY**
 6. Guild Hill, Maple, Barnes Hill, Maggies Way... **JOAN with KRISTA**
 7. Gregg Hill **STEVE**
 8. Route 100 side roads (not Route 100) **SOMEONE PLEASE**
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