

Waterbury Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes for
Tuesday 12/08/2020

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After some technical difficulties, the meeting began on Zoom at 6:20. Technical difficulties required using an alternative Zoom connection.

Commissioners present: Allan Thompson, Billy Vigdor, Steve Hagenbuch, Joan Beard, Tracy Sweeney, Krista Battles, Erin Hurley, Linda Galpin and Mike Hedges

1. Mike Hedges was assigned minute taker
2. Agenda was reviewed with no changes noted
3. Prior meeting minutes approved without modification
4. Public comments: None noted
5. Website Developments:

Considerable discussion occurred on the home page of the draft website <https://waterburycvt.org> particularly the categories under "What We Do". The Commission agreed to use categories concisely describing the work in which the Commission is engaged: Conservation, Education/Awareness, and Collaboration/Advising. Allan and Krista agreed to monitor and track tasks for the website. Krista suggested the developer (Jamie Benson) might be able to link calendars with likeminded websites if they use Google Calendars.

As to the resources page of the new website, Linda suggested that we might link to Citizen Science Sites. Krista suggested that Commissioners review and add ideas to lists she forwarded separately and to review and comment on the next site tab (Events). Allan developed and owns a new web site that hosts images from the many game cameras in the Shutesville Hill Wildlife Corridor, <https://www.shutesville.com>.

6. Unified Development By Laws (RHSPWC, cover memo and PUD/subdivision):

Allan moved, Steve seconded and the Commission passed a motion approving Ridglines Hill Sides, Steep Slopes and Priority Wildlife Corridor Overlay District (RHSSPWC). Allan will submit those materials and the Priority Wildlife Corridor Map. The Commissioners will next review and comment on the PUD/subdivision section.

7. Waterbury Land Initiative/Shutesville Partnership Update:

Steve as Chairperson for the WLI indicated that they would take on a more official roll in the Shutesville Hill Partnership. The WLI will emphasize keeping open lands in Waterbury open. The Partnership is scheduled to meet 12/9/20 and to continue discussions on strategic development.

8. Other: No other topics were discussed