

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes 10/16/17

Members Present: Brad Salzman, Bushrod Powers, Hoyt Bingham, David Barker

Members Absent: Mike Bald, Alan Turner

Ian McKenzie visiting.

Meeting called to order @ 6:44 p.m.

Meeting Minutes of 9/18/17: Minutes were approved as written.

Events:

Game of Logging training: October 21 & 22

Caring for Natural Resources – Multiple on VT Coverts calendar at <http://vtcoverts.org>

Selectboard meeting:

Selectboard requested Brad to attend another meeting.

Budget: Do we need to submit a budget?

Bylaws: Selectboard to review.

Digby: update on their property.

“invasives” letter:

S. Royalton Library: The Library would be happy to have Brad’s collection of resource books.

Web page/Social Media:

David made a motion to add the Royalton Conservation Commission wording to our Town page as written. Seconded by Bushrod. Hoyt will work with Rose on how to put it on the web.

Sarnoff Property:

Royalton Town Forest information was found and shared at tonight’s meeting.

Crawford Property:

Brad will communicate with the County Forester to see what services s/he can offer us.

Saturday, Oct. 21 @ 9 a.m. to walk.

Should we focus our efforts on one, or a few things in Royalton?

Ideas:

- Talk with Mary Russ, White River Partnership, regarding how to partner with them.
- S. Royalton School – Mary Waterman and Jim Hewitt would be great contacts for what’s happening at the school and how we could partner with them.
- Might we consider creating a trail from S. Royalton School to the Bethel School, CEEL program involvement?
- VT Trails and Greenways manual is a great resource. It can be found on Cross Vermont trail website.
- Natural Resources Vermont Atlas – Agency of Natural Resources website – gis mapping
- Crawford property: Trails, Timber management and harvest
- Invasives: how do we manage or eradicate them?
- Preparing for climate change

Next meeting: November 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office meeting room.

Adjourn 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hoyt Bingham, Clerk