

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes 9/18/17

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

Members Absent: Alan Turner, Mike Bald

Meeting called to order @ 7 p.m.

Meeting Minutes of 8/21/17: Minutes were approved as written.

Events:

Working Woodlands Workshop: Emerald Ash Borer (VT Invasives), 9/30/17, Woodstock

Game of Logging training:

Caring for Natural Resources – Taking Action in your community (AVCC & ANR), 10/2/17, Dummerston

Multiple (VT Coverts calendar) <http://vtcoverts.org>

Resources Library: Brad will talk with Cynthia Dalrymple, library Board member, regarding housing our resources at the library.

AVCC Membership (Assoc. of Vermont Conservation Commission): Membership dues have been paid for this year's membership.

Digby Residence: The land has a conservation easement on it through Upper Valley Land Trust. UVLT is responsible to follow up with the Digby's.

VT Coverts:

Sept. 8-10 Coverts Woodland Owner Cooperator Training, Hydeville: Brad attended.

The biggest take away was How to talk with your family about what to do with your land.

Crawford Property:

Has been surveyed for current use when privately owned. Property is no longer in current use since purchased by the town.

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

What Saturdays or Sundays are you available for you to walk the Crawford property?

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

Ideas:

Crawford property: Trails, Timber management and harvest

Invasives

Preparing for climate change

Bylaws update:

Brad forwarded to Selectboard. He is on the agenda for the Selectboard meeting next week.

Brad sent the "Invasives" letter to Selectboard.

Next meeting: October 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office meeting room.

Adjourn 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hoyt Bingham, Clerk