

**Royalton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes - Approved
November 20, 2017**

Call to Order: 6:42 pm

Welcome/Introductions

Members: David Barker, Brad Salzman, Joshua "Bushrod" Powers, Hoyt Bingham

Guests: Mary Russ, Dir. Of WRP, Ian MacKenzie, Tico Wolff

Approval of Minutes (October 16, 2017): Approved and accepted as written.

Events:

VT Coverts	Dec. 2	Wreathmaking-Burlington
Vermont Invasives	Dec. 6	Forest Pests Detector Training
	Dec. 15	Forest Ecosystem Monitor Conf.
Watershed Discussions	Dec. 4	Rochester 6:30-8 p.m.
	Dec. 6	Randolph 6:30-8 p.m.
	Dec. 7	Royalton 6:30-8 p.m.

Mary Russ-White River Partnership:

There will be public hearings, as mentioned above, to discuss the progress of the watershed initiatives and learn about the upcoming White River Tactical Basin Plan.

There are 35-40 river access sites. WRP goal is to have stewards to care for them during the heavy use time, April through October. Some of the steward activities would be to put up signage, remove trash, remove invasive plants, etc.

White River Water Trail Royalton sites are:

- FEMA sites: Gilman access and Foxville Park, N. Royalton
- Bridge Street river access, Royalton Village
- Payne's Beach - Lyons Club
- Pinched Rock – across from Peg Elmer's former house
- Avery's Rock – across from Red Dog Restoration

How would we like to be involved?

We would be interested in joining the twice yearly clean up.

We will continue to discuss how we would like to be involved.

Evangeline Williams is VLS' town liaison. Would VLS like to be involved with this in any way?

Selectboard Meeting Review (Oct. 24)

Brad attended the 10/24/17 meeting to update on CC membership and activities.

Crawford Property: Brad let them know that if they are interested in doing anything with the Crawford Property, we the RCC would like to be involved.

Treasurer: We do not need a separate account. Bring any requests to the Selectboard.

Mary Waterman-SoRo School

Brad met with Mary on 10/23/17 for an introductory meeting. We will keep the school and its' students in mind for future collaboration.

Allen Follensbee-Windsor County Forester (Nov. 6)

Brad and Bushrod met with Forester Nov. 6. He will come look at the Crawford and Sarnoff properties once he is able to resume field work and can schedule it; he will let us know when.

Focus:

- Sarnoff Property:
Paul Harvey, forester, put a Land Management Plan together in 2004. Rose has a plan in her office.
Sugarbush
Harvesting trees
- Crawford Property:
We are waiting for the forester to look at the property and create a management plan.

Trail between S. Royalton and Bethel

sports training, biking, hiking, x-c running/skiing etc.

(Is separate from the Sarnoff and Crawford property discussion, although a potential future trail may go through these areas.)

Budget

Last year we asked for and received a budget of \$200.

Submit budget request of \$250 to Rose for FY 18 - Brad

Motion made to notify continuously absent member thanking him for his service on the Royalton Conservation Commission and advise him of our intention of recommending his removal from the Conservation Commission by the Selectboard. This will be brought to the Selectboard for their consideration. Unanimously approved. Notification will be completed via a letter. - Brad

New Business

We have 2 community members interested in joining the Royalton Conservation Commission: Tico Wolff and Ian MacKenzie. They are encouraged to write a letter of interest to the Selectboard.

Next meeting date/time

December 18, 2017

(3rd Monday/6:15pm)

Meeting time changed to 6:15 p.m. for December. - Hoyt (put on website)

Ian attended Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) Public Forum on October 16, 2017 in Hartford, VT. Lots of discussion, quick discussion that ACT 250 may be revising rules and including an exemption for single width recreation trails.

Ian also referenced that a free app is available for viewing current location within the Town tax map from your smartphone. The HuntStand app is handy but may not be fully functional in locations without cell service.

Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hoyt Bingham

Royalton Conservation Commission Clerk