

Royalton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2018

Welcome/Introductions

Members: Brad Salzman, Tico Wolff, Hoyt Bingham, Ian MacKenzie, David Barker
Members absent: Bushrod Powers with regrets, Mike Bald

Call to Order: 6:35 pm

Events:

VT COVERTS Cooperator Training: May 11-13, Starksboro, Sept. 7-9, Hydeville
March 24 Marsh Monitoring Walk – W. Rutland
For more trainings, movies etc. visit them at: <http://vtcoverts.org/calendar.html>
Morrill Homestead Education Center March 24 Pruning & Grafting Fruit Trees - Strafford
WRP/VLS Sept. 9 2:00 pm (tentative) River Clean-up Day

Approval of Minutes (February 19, 2018): Will be tabled until next meeting. **Ian** will work on some wording.

Old Business:

Town Meeting: (March 6) – no announcements made re: RCC or its events.

Thaw Day: (March 9) (on the green) 5-9pm. It was a fun event, well attended in the early hours. We would consider being part of it next year if it happens.

AVCC Tiny Grant: (April 13) We will not partake this year yet keeping this grant in mind for next year.

Green Up day: (May 5) Kerri and Recreation Commission will run this event and the RCC will be there to help support the effort.

Brad will contact VLS to see if they would like to be part of Green Up Day.

Tic posters/brochures – Dept. of Health (**Hoyt** will call to see about brochures).

New Business:

Sarnoff Property: Deer Wintering Habitat

- AJ Follensbee, Windsor County Forester, will walk the Sarnoff property after the Land Management Plan has been updated. We will plan to join him.
- Who will be making signs for the Sarnoff property regarding designated winter use area?

Gilman Road Solar Project: This project does not affect any town property that the RCC is involved in. Wetland inspection is scheduled for May- before any permits are issued.

Bethel Conservation Commission: See Email re: awareness of trails etc. on Sarnoff property; Tiny Grant; Trail from Sarnoff to Bethel; April 11 meeting with VT Fish & Wildlife, Biofinder workshop.

Tico will connect with Mary Floyd regarding our attendance at the workshop.

Brad will advise them that we are not ready to apply for the “Tiny Grant” this year.

Goals & Interests:

Sarnoff property/Royalton Town Forest:

- 2004 Land Management Plan, implement.

- Plan will be updated by the Solid Waste solar project. We have asked to have the opportunity to review and comment on plan before it is approved by the Selectboard.
- We will walk the property with AJ Follensbee, Windsor Co. Forester, at some point soon.
- Get to know the property and the potential uses. Create a plan to be shared with the Select and Planning Boards

Crawford property:

- Assessment by Windsor Co. Forester Allen Follensbee.
- He will let us know when he is going to walk the property so we can join him.
- Get to know the property and the potential uses. Create a plan to be shared with the Select and Planning Boards

Green Up Day: (May 5, 2018) – See above under Old Business

White River Access Stewardship: (tentatively Sept. 9, 2018)

We will participate with the White River Partnership in the VT River Conservancy's River Clean Up, 2 pm

Ian will check with Rose about guidelines for a CC facebook page

Next meeting date/time:

April 23, 2018 @ 6:30 pm

Brad will figure out a place to hold the meeting and request Karmen to repost the meeting information.

Adjourned at 8 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Hoyt Bingham

Royalton Conservation Commission Clerk