

Royalton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2018

Call to Order: 6:37 pm

Welcome/Introductions:

Brad Salzman, Chair, David Barker, Ian Mackenzie, Tico Wolff, Hoyt Bingham
Absent: Mike Bald, Bushrod Powers

Approval of Minutes: April 23, 2018 – approved as amended

Events: See handout

Old Business:

Green Up Day: (May 5) Increased participation over last year.
Would be nice to have a GPS to track miles of roads covered.

CC Website/ Facebook page: Brad & Ian went to the 4/24 Selectboard meeting.
They are fine with whatever we wish to do.

Sarnoff Property: Land Management Plan: we received, read and made comments on the plan.
The comments will be put together and presented to the Selectboard before they sign off on the plan.
See 2/18 email from Rose re: management plan. Town agreed to provide signs. RCC will provide wording and make suggestions where signs might be posted.
Forest Management Plan still needs to be signed off by the Select and Planning Boards.

The RCC would like to change parcel names to: Royalton Town Forest – Sarnoff Parcel and Royalton Town Forest - Crawford Parcel.
Kiosk posting: invasive posters and other pertinent information.

Recommendations:

The RCC will pull from the plan and create our own recommendations to submit to the Planning & Selectboards
p. 2 paragraph 4 - recommendations
p. 3 paragraph 1 – recommendations and signage

Noel the F&W biologist, was in agreement that the use of trails was ok with the exception of the top acres in the winter time. The Vernal pool is the area we would like to protect as well.
Executive summary to the Selectboard. **Tico**

Invasives along our roadsides: Would Mike be willing to come up with guidelines to suggest for the town to use?

Crawford Property: AJ Follensbee will let us know when he will be walking the property. Several members would like to attend.

Emerald Ash Borer: Vermont Invasive website has stats on Ash trees and the Emerald Ash Borer.
<https://www.vtinvasives.org/>

sidewalk comments: 6/6/18 Public meeting

Goals and Interests:

See attached handout

Sarnoff Property: We walked Saturday, May 12 @ 2pm

Crawford Property:

VT River Conservancy-Pinch Rock Access Maintenance

GPS for RCC, potential grant

Getting our information out into the public:

Farmer's Markets

Old Home Days: July 20 & 21

Next meeting date:

June 18, 2018 6:30 pm (3rd Monday)

Adjourn: 8:03 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Hoyt Bingham

APPROVED