

**Royalton Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 2018**

Call to Order: 6:42 pm

Welcome/Introductions:

Present: Brad Salzmann, Chair, Bushrod Powers, David Barker, Hoyt Bingham

Absent: Mike Bald, Ian MacKenzie, Tico Wolff

Approval of Minutes: June 18 and July 16, 2018 – approved as presented

Events: Sent by email September 9 is White River Clean-up Day with the WRP and VLS

Old Business: No progress on recommendations to SB on Invasives management

New Business: We have 2 “TICK” signs; Hoyt will try to get more. We will recommend to the SB that we post them as follows: 1) downtown Announcement Board, 2) Academy Building Announcement Board, 3) Sarnoff parcel Kiosk, 4) Gilman Road River Access Kiosk, 5) Foxville Park near the Foxstand bridge kiosk.

New Vistas project discontinued by David Hall. Properties are up for sale. Mike Covey asked the SB at their July 10 meeting if they would be interested in pursuing purchase for Wildlife Management Area(s) (WMAs). The SB indicated they would consider it after more information is provided.

Ongoing: Ian working on the CC web site, Facebook page, and email address

There is interest in a CC banner or display board of some sort; Brad will research options for the September meeting. John Dumville or David Ainsworth may have an old sandwich board we could use.

Sarnoff property We walked the property last month to assess it for the potential of developing recreation and nature trails. The town road crew is going to install a 911 (address) sign. We need to come up with a plan for trails and a work party. We discussed obtaining the services of a consultant. Brad will contact AJ Follensbee about that. Perhaps there is grant money available for consulting or trail work. Could/would the town road crew be able to do some of the work? Tentative work day scheduled for October 20. Brad drafted a letter to the Select Board and Planning Commission regarding the Sarnoff parcel recommendations. Approved to send to the SB and PC as written (letter attached).

Crawford Property No discussion

Emerald Ash Borer recommendations to the town and residents  
Brad will research the latest recommendations and forward them to the SB.

Solar Array projects As far as we know, the Gilman Road project is moving forward; no CC issues there. The landfill project is on hold until agreement reached with Bethel. If the Landfill project gets cancelled, we assume the Deer Wintering Habitat Mitigation on the Sarnoff property does not have to happen.

Next meeting date:

September 17, 2018 6:30 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) Senator Dick McCormick invited to talk about Act 250 SB, PC, and Bethel CC will be invited

Adjourn: 7:53 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brad Salzmann, Chair

APPROVED