

Royalton Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2018

Call to Order: 6:35 p.m.

Welcome/Introductions: Brad, Hoyt, Bushrod, Mike, Kate Berdan-VLS Town Relations Committee  
Absent: David, Ian, Tico

Approval of Minutes: October 15, 2018 - approved as written

Events: Email sent out by Brad last week.  
VECAN – Vermont Energy & Climate Action Network, Lake Morey 12/1/18  
12/5/18 – Town Services Open House, 5:30-7:30 pm

Old Business:

Recommendations to SB re: Invasives –

1. NOFA conference Burlington, February (Valentines, Mike will be presenting workshop. RE: municipal town)
2. Town needs to prioritize where they want to focus their invasives removal: School, Payne's Beach, (VLS can help with this. Wild parsnip, Japanese Knotweed, Chervil)
3. Cost can be highly variable and site specific.
4. Helpful to create a top 10 list.

Town Plan / Energy Plan

The planning commission would like our input on and help with the town plan. Town Plan is on the town website.

Energy Plan–We want to stay informed with upcoming development on the Energy Plan.  
Vital Communities has worked with Energy Plans .

AVCC Membership has been renewed. Tiny Grant is due in April.

- Kate will chat with other members of VLS team to see if they will take on finding who the landowners are along the prospective trail between S. Royalton and Bethel through the Sarnoff Property.
- Emerald Ash Borer Municipal Planning Grants (Vermont Community Forestry organization): do we want to do something with this and the Tiny Grant? Can we get the high school involved? Eco program? Gaylynn H.? – where to report if you see EAB?
- Imapinvasives and Inaturalist are 2 good websites to use.

RCC Website/Facebook page/email: No information on progress to date.

Banner/Flag:

Brad has come up with a few designs for a flag and/or a banner.  
Motion made to follow up with the purchase of a banner and flag made for the RCC.

Sarnoff Property:

Workday 10/22/18 and the next 2 weekends VLS students, Brad and community memers worked on the trails. AJ Follensbee will make a map of potential future trails.

Deer tick sign: Walter ok'd sign to put up at Payne's Beach. SB gave permission to put up on other river access points in town.

What is our vision of parking area to the trails: How do we want to manage?  
Bio security, pollinators, ground nesting birds

Crawford Property:

Good potential for trails, loop, logging road. With a little clearing there is a nice view point area and a nice picnic area at the top. AJ Follensbee will produce a potential map this winter.  
16 Options for Crawford property from Planning Commission. List was given to us last meeting.  
Tire dump, Bridgestone program.

Gilman Road Solar Project: is moving along.

New Business:

Budget Request \$400 – memberships, projects. A motion to request \$400 was made and seconded.

Southern Pine Beetles: might be coming to Vermont

Potential VLS Town Relations Committee Ex-Officio seat on the RCC

Goals & Interests:

Next meeting date: December 17, 2018, 6:30 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

Adjourn: 8:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Hoyt Bingham, Clerk