

Royalton Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
December 17, 2018

Call to Order: 6:40 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2018 – tabled until next month.

Events: Email sent out by Brad last week.  
Town offices Open House – went well. Brad was there to represent RCC  
Jeff Barcelow snow mobile trail – landowners

Old Business:

Recommendations to SB re: Invasives –

Taken and paraphrased from Mike's email of 12/14/18, he suggested:

“Managing invasives to safeguard infrastructure after Irene.” – Knotweed filling in the abutment around the Bridge St. bridge as well as in the understory upstream, where there was none before Irene. Keeping invasives out of the gravel pit, parsnip contained, keeping river access points clean, having the school as a focal point.

Time to do this work is in March/April.

Town Plan / Energy Plan

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

Ideas for the Tiny Grant: Crawford trail system work; RCC website; town wide presentation on our Natural Resources.

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

Banner/Flag:

Sarnoff Property:

Hunting on town property and trails and any use restrictions. Brad will reach out to Bethl and Randolph Conservation Commission and Tico will reach out to Tunbridge Conservation Commission.

Crawford Property:

Emerald Ash Borer:

Recommendations to town/residents  
Municipal Planning Grants

Budget:

A motion was made and seconded to drop annual budget request to \$250. We will go to the Selectboard to request money as specific costs arise.

New Business:

We are interested in learning more about Vermont Conservation Design and the use of the BioFinder to map our conservation resources. Tico will connect with **Jens Hawkins-Hilke, Community Wildlife Program, VT Fish & Wildlife Department**, *Conservation Planning Biologist* to see when he would be free to come work with RCC.

Goals & Interests:

Next meeting date: January 21, 2019 6:30 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)  
Adjourn: 8:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Hoyt Bingham, Clerk

APPROVED