

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Monday, June 29, 2020

12:00 – 1:30 PM

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MINUTES

(Approved at July 27, 2020 Meeting)

Attending: Jeff Howarth, Judy Wiger-Grohs, Andrew L’Roe, Amy Sheldon, Monica Pryzperhart and Molly Anderson

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comments

- There has been ongoing discussion of Creek Road opening/recreating on Front Porch Forum-committee will discuss in Commission member updates.
- A. L’Roe- there are signs up that there may be some herbiciding occurring on the VT Fish and Wildlife (former Ducks Unlimited) property at corner of Creek Rd and 3 Mile Bridge Road this week.

III. Approval of minutes

- [June 8, 2020](#) - M. Anderson motioned, A. Sheldon seconded, minutes approved unanimously

IV. Commission member updates

- J. Howarth- drafted a letter about Creek Road Task Force and shared it with town staff for feedback and will send it to SelectBoard. The letter requests that a Conservation Commission member be a representative to the Creek Road Task Force (but not necessarily the same person every time).
- J. Howarth met with Jen Murray on 6/15 - she advised that the conservation plan would be most helpful if it is primarily descriptive. A CC representative should present the first section to Midd Planning Commission- if they ask for prescriptive recommendations, the Cons. Comm can respond. It is fine to describe which areas have conservation values. Commission members agreed on the approach.
- Arrowwood has sent an update on the wetlands mapping project to the town, J. Howarth will follow up and pass along any info.

V. Workshop: Conservation Plan

(1) Flooding/Floodplains (Jeff Howarth)

- Still working through section, needs a couple more half days - trying to strike a balance between depth and brevity
- Thinks sections should end by identifying “key” (valuable) parcels for each topic

(2) Ground Water/Aquifers (Amy Sheldon)

- Hasn’t done much since last meeting! Getting re-oriented now that session is done.

(3) Surface Waters (Monica Pryzperhart and Molly Anderson)

- Draft complete - just needs integration with other sections

(4) Wetlands (Andrew L’Roe)

- Not much changed since last conversation- still working on getting maps, information about wetlands pieces.

(5) Stormwater/Drainage (Judy Wiger-Grohs)

- Could use maps of impervious surfaces and changes in Middlebury over time- J. Howarth can help

Please try to get drafted parts done before J. Howarth gets back in two weeks- **by Friday, July 17th** so he can look at it and put together presentation for PC towards end of July.

VI. Set Next Agenda & Meeting Date

Monday- July 27th, noon-1:30pm

Motion to adjourn, A L’Roe, A. Sheldon seconded, Unanimously approved