01/20/25 Craftsbury Conservation Commission minutes - Called to order at 7:03pm

Present: Colin Netzley (chair), Diane Morgan (vice chair), Eloise Girard, Elinor Osborn, Nancy Milholland, Molly Sease, Chris Steel (guest, chair of Greensboro Cons. Comm.)

Absent: Liz Keglor, Ken Menard, Farley Brown

New agenda items: Colin brought up that Steve Moffatt was requesting the CCC hosts an Emerald Ash Borer talk in lieu of the March meeting. Chris Steel wished to present the group with some of the goings-on of the Greensboro Conservation Commission.

Approval of minutes - Diane moved to approve the draft of the November minutes, Nancy seconded, unanimous approval

Election of officers - Nancy put forward the idea of continuing a rotating secretary position as it hasn't been an issue yet and allows everyone a chance to share in the responsibility. The group agreed. Diane nominated Colin Netzley to the position of chair, Nancy seconded, unanimous approval. Colin nominated Diane Morgan to the position of vice chair, Nancy seconded, unanimous approval.

New member search - Thank you, Eloise, for all your work this last year! Eloise with continue through March, then step down to focus her efforts on the loon conservation work she's been doing. A list of interested parties was recovered from our last member search. Colin will construct a Front Porch Forum post and will be shared on social media, looking for interested people.

Animal Tracking event update - Flyers have been made, posts on FPF and social media will follow. Molly to copy flyers and post around COC, Nancy took FPF, and Colin will message Jonathan Shapiro (event lead) around participant limit.

Watershed Grant - Elinor presented a report on the current state of the grant and JK demo site at Little Hosmer, then discussed '25 season plans. These plans included a schedule for weed-whacking and mowing, Japanese knotweed digging, native plant ordering and planting, and fascine production/installation. More planning to be done in coming meetings.

Town Meeting appropriations - Colin moved to request funds for the Conservation Fund as follows: "The Conservation Commission is requesting $7000 for the Conservation Fund, money set aside for future conservation projects." Diane seconded, unanimous approval.

Working Group reports - Outreach: Diane and Elinor updated the CCC Invasives section on the webpage. Colin and Molly to double check all links on web page for functionality.

EAB talk for March - Diane brought up how the March meeting is important for summer season plans. The group agreed to discuss this more in February.

Chris Steel - Chris presented on some of the ongoing projects happening in Greensboro and hoped to share ideas and promote events on either side. Projects included talks at the Highland Center for the Arts, a wildlife camera database, mapping of Greensboro trails, guided bird walks, invasives removal (primarily JK and bittersweet), a pollinator bed program with Bee the Change, and a new adopt-a-culvert program

Items for next meeting (2/17) -

- Plans for Town Meeting
- March meeting discussion
- Watershed Grant plans
- Animal Tracking event review