Craftsbury Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Craftsbury Town Hall
Monday June 17, 2024 7pm

Present: Elinor Osborn, Farley Brown, Nancy Milholland, Diane Morgan, Colin Netzley, Liz Keglor and Ken Menard A
Absent: Eloise Girard

Agenda for meeting:
1. New agenda items (if any)
2. Approve May minutes
3. Stream bank Grant update
4. Working Group goals and objectives
5. Working Group reports
6. Items for next meeting (7/15)

- Farley Brown made a motion to approve the May minutes, Diane Morgan 2nd. Minutes approved by majority vote.

- Stream bank grant update from Elinor: Two productive volunteer days, with two future volunteer dates proposed, June 20 and 24 5pm JK site. For information on the Vermont Watershed Administration Guide and Vermont Watershed Grant Application *see attached
- Working group goals: Brainstorm session possibilities included- suggestions for creative ways to get community aware and involved: rain garden or key line planting workshops, possible information booth at farmers' market, Bioblitz 2025, social media post suggestions of iNaturalist and Seek information, animal tracks in winter meet up could be led by Sterling student, expert panel on carbon sequestration and credits, regular posts on social media, Colin is looking into establishing an Eligo invasive group. Goals set to decide how many workshops should be planned per year (update next meeting).
- Working group reports:
  - Invasives group- Elinor Osborne, see above Outreach/Education group- Nancy started a Facebook group and Liz started and Instagram account called Craftsbury Conservation with the idea that these would be used to inform community of conservation activities and educational awareness.
  - Natural Heritage Inventory group- Farley, Colin and Elinor rewrote the town plan natural heritage section (now called Maintaining Ecological Balance), Farley will send out to group to check over to see if anything is missing.

- Ken informed the group that working group meetings needed to be warned. Colin will advise on how this is done.
- New member suggestion of Molly Sease as Doug has resigned.
- Next meeting (July 15) agenda ideas: Ash tree inventory report
- Colin made a motion to adjourn at 8:04, Nancy seconded.