Minutes from Craftsbury Conservation Commission meeting on September 15th, 2024

In attendance: Colin Netzley (chair), Diane Morgan (vice chair), Elinor Osborn, Nancy Milholland, Molly Sease, Eloise Girard, and Liz Keglor

Absent: Ken Menard and Farley Brown

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Colin

New items - Review of secretary role and a big welcome to Molly Sease, the newest member to the Commission!

Approval of July minutes - Liz moved to approve the minutes as written from the July meeting, Nancy 2nd, unanimous approval

Conservation Fund update - Diane presented on the current state of the Conservation Fund, which sits at $37,647.33. The fund now also has been shifted to a different account that gains more interest per month than previously.

Watershed Grant update - Elinor thanked Dick and Barbara Alexander for the huge amount of help they have volunteered at the Japanese knotweed demonstration site. More work is still to be done, including (but not limited to): shoveling off road silt from placed erosion fabric, filling in gullies, moving the drying rack, and finishing the laying out of erosion fabric. Jim Ryan from DEC who specializes in erosion, recommended a VTrans Better Back Roads grant to assist in the town's efforts to stabilize the road and manage runoff.

Working Group Reports - Education WG: the August presentation at the JK demo site went well, with upwards of 20+ participants! Many volunteers showed up along with many unaffiliated folks. Jonathan Shapiro is a local who teaches tracking and foraging and may teach a class with the Conservation Commission. Will continue to communicate and learn more about this winter opportunity.

BIG welcome to Molly Sease on her new appointment to the Craftsbury Conservation Commission!

Secretary role - The commission reviewed the role of the secretary and determined that giving everyone a chance to take minutes would allow folks to better understand the work required. Eloise volunteered to take minutes during the October meeting (10/21) and Molly volunteered for the November meeting.

Next meeting agenda items:
- Town Plan update
- Watershed Grant update

Colin adjourned the meeting at 7:42