**Minutes from Craftsbury Commission meeting on October 21st, 2024**

In attendance: Farley Brown, Colin Netzley (chair), Diane Morgan (vice chair), Elinor Osborn, Nancy Milholland, Eloise Girard, Diane Morgan and Sarah Tutt (Sterling College student).

Absent: Molly Sease and Liz Keglor

Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Colin

**New items**
Elinor The Hardwick Conservation Commission is having a presentation on Act 59 and would like a member of the Craftsbury Commission to post on the Craftsbury Front Porch Forum. Colin will post.

Farley shared the work that has been done at the Ball field in Wolcott to protect the bank "flood shoot." They received a flood-resilient grant. Jess Colby from Northwood Stewardship Center will also present about collecting native seeds to spread them at Simpson Hall at 1 p.m. Tuesday, October 22nd, at Sterling College.

**Approval of September minutes**- Farley moved to approve the minutes as written from the September meeting, Kent seconded, unanimous approval.

**Working Group Reports**

Watershed Grant update- Elinor wrote a letter to thank all the volunteers. A total of 474 hours of work have been done at the site. Plants will need to be planted next spring. Will need to mail the letter to the Alexanders-Diane will take care of it. Some people pay from their pocket the fee to transport the knotweed and dispose of it at All Metal. Can we use the grant to reimburse them? Elinor is concerned about running out of money from the grant to pay for the plants. Farley suggests that we can harvest local plants, willows are easy to propagate. NRCD has spring sale. Special thank you letter from the town if we can't reimburse them to thank them for their donation and that it's a tax-deductible. Elinor will reach out to Michelle.

Town Plan update- Planning Commission is meeting twice a month, and the draft town plan is still in progress.

Animal Tracking event update- Jonathan Shapiro of Foxpaw, February 1st from 9h to 12h30, Craftsbury Academy Woodlot. Eloise will ask him how best to advertise: tracking and nature ecology. Cedar swamp? Concern about the dog tracks.

**Next meeting agenda items for 11/18**: We will decide at the November meeting if we want to meet or not in December.

Town of Craftsbury inaturalist: 4,802 observations, 1340 species, 236 people

Colin adjourned the meeting at 7:55, Kent seconded.