Minutes from Craftsbury Conservation Commission 4/20/26
Present: Farley Brown, Diane Morgan, Elinor Osborn, Nancy Miloholland, Molly Sease, Victoria LaGuardia, Finn Horak (guest)

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

March minutes approved unanimously

Announcements: Ken Menard has resigned from the commission. The commission is also no longer actively recruiting members but is always open to interest. Town clerk Michelle Warren is retiring and the commission will need to designate someone to upload minutes to the town website. Molly volunteered to take on this responsibility.

Communication: The commission recognizes ongoing difficulties communicating effectively with volunteers. To remedy this, commission members have suggested creating an email group or listserv. Victoria will put together a spreadsheet of all interested volunteers and their emails to create a listserv to communicate volunteer opportunities. Also discussed was the creation of a facebook group.

Knotweed demonstration site: Diane and Elinor have been working on updating information regarding the knotweed demonstration site on the town website and creating a new brochure. A final invoice from the associated grant provider is needed before the grant can be closed.

Sterling College all-college service day: Elinor shared photos from work at the knotweed demonstration site. Sterling college students helped place informative signs and continued planting willow stakes.

Project ideas:

- Ideas for an AVCC tiny grant project were floated including the building of a chimney swift tower. Installation of a bench and signage at the Trees for Streams planting site was also mentioned; Farley, Jared Nunery and the Outdoor Center may be able to assist with this project.
- There's strong interest in the chimney swift tower project but the presence of chimney swifts will need to be confirmed first. North Branch Nature Center hosts chimney swift towers that might be good examples. Heidi Rich could visit the commission to discuss chimney swift projects.
- The commission discussed changes in state land use policy. The idea of a workshop about estate planning, tax incentives, and land use policy was floated. The possibility of a winter and summer workshop and collaboration with the Greensboro Conservation Commission was considered.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm, the next meeting is May 18th.
Projects will be discussed in further detail.