# CRAFTSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

July 20, 2026

Present: Molly Sease, Charles Gill, Elinor Osborn, Victoria LaGuardia, Diane Morgan

Absent: Farley Brown, Nancy Millholland

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 Molly asked if we could use text messages to contact each other which she finds easier than emails. Cell phone numbers are listed at the end – please add yours if needed.

Charles moved to accept the minutes from the June meeting and that was seconded by Elinor. All voted in favor.

The presentation June 24 on Rabies was informative and with lively discussion. We feel that the information learned should somehow be publicized. We decided to post the flyer that was given on FPF and perhaps repeat the panel next spring if rabies becomes prevalent again. Victoria will formally thank the presenters and suggest that.

Molly announced two upcoming events: An estate planning workshop will be offered by Coverts at the Greensboro church on August 5. The COC may also be planning a similar presentation in their fall forestry series.

A tracking presentation by Jonathan Shapiro is scheduled for August 6 at the COC.

Elinor relayed that the town now owns its own mowing machine rather than contracting roadside mowing. Since we also have a new road crew, it might be good to talk to them about roadside invasives. Ann Ingerson of the Forestry Committee alerted us that the town bulldozed knotweed laden soil down a steep slope in the town woodlot and now the knotweed is spreading. Molly will talk with Steve Perkins to set up a meeting. Diane will try to find the old copies of BMP for roadside mowing that we had done for the town garage many years ago. Perhaps that can be updated.

Knotweed Project: Elinor reported that the COC U23 athletes worked pulling and weedwacking knotweed on June 7 and are working again July 21. The planted native shrubs are thriving. She plans to clear in front of the sign to make it more noticeable. Charles will do the next session of weedwacking. Elinor showed photos of huge broken limbs of the sycamore tree which have fallen into the stream and the question is to whether to clear it up or leave them there. We will ask Charles, Ross and Farley to each take a look and offer advice before we contact Mike W. at F & W.

Elinor will next ask Adrian Owens if he might be willing to lay out the Bayley Hazen road through the COC property. Molly will arrange help at the Center to clear around and perhaps repaint the Bayley Hazen sign.

Future projects: Waiting for update on the chimney swift tower project proposal. Also asking whether Nancy was planning to organize another nature journaling session for kids or other kid-related events at the Farmers' Market this summer.

We feel that it's time to survey the town for interests or concerns so that we know what programs we might sponsor. Probably at Town Meeting is a good place to do this but online as well.

**Question for next meeting**: We should each come next month with <u>one</u> topic that we would like to learn about to see whether any could become future public outreach programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Morgan