

**Parks Commission
Special Meeting
Tuesday November 12, 2019 / 6PM
Meeting Location: Montpelier Senior Center Conference Room**

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners: Kassia, Fabienne, Dan, Carolyn

Staff: Geoff

Public: Jill Olson (MAMBA), Page Gurtin (Conservation Commission)

6:13 October minutes
 November 12 agenda

Fab motioned to approve. Dan seconded. Unanimous.

6:14 Comments from the public - none

6:14 Greenprint action items from October Parks Meeting

- Carolyn's meeting with Mike Miller
 - Need to (**Carolyn**)
 - i. Add location of existing parks on Greenprint map - Alec has GIS files, need to identify someone to do the GIS work
 - ii. Add definition of Greenprint on map
 - iii. Mark *both* Parks' priorities and Conservation Lands priorities (and where they overlap)
 - Page: Conservation Commission is working to get the Conservation Lands map approved, which mirrors the Greenprint. Natural Resources Inventory map is already approved and is part of the zoning. City would not approve the Conservation Lands map as part of the zoning.
 - Goal: When new development comes up, the Greenprint is front and center. The City Council needs to approve it, and it needs to be used.
 - Official Map. When a developer is interested in areas marked as priority area, then the City gets the right of first refusal as far as purchasing the land itself, conserving/preserving the land, selling the rest. Mike has said that the Greenprint *cannot* be part of the Official Map.
 - **Question:** What *process* needs to be in place to trigger a developer/the city to reference the Greenprint Map? (**Strategy:** 1. Get conservation commission and parks commission agree on single plan. 2. Invite Mike Miller to a joint meeting.)

- **Question for group:** What needs to be refined on the Greenprint Map before it advances?
- **Question for homework:**
 - i. What's a taking. What's not a taking?
 - ii. How do other towns do this?
- Kassia's draft "case" for Montpelier Parks - tabled

6:30 Discuss and Revise [Draft Greenprint Implementation Plan](#)

7:40 Prep for 11/19 Parks Commission meeting

- Parks North Branch trail construction concerns (w/ Jill):
 - Staff didn't know when permitting and work was happening on-the-ground
 - Commission approved multi-use trail. Some areas aren't groomable for XC ski trails, and are challenging for hikers/walkers/runners.
- MAMBA: Expectations weren't clear. MAMBA didn't think they were building trails that would be used for XC skiing
- Conclusion: Increased communication will be good. Working to fine tune and improve processes now and into the future, not to stop.