

Draft Agenda for Conservation Commission Monthly Public Meeting

Police Station Conference Room

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order
Called to order at 6:35 PM. Charlie Hohn, Page Guertin, Katherine Michels (by phone), Michael Lazorchak, Brenna Toman, Phyllis Rubenstein, Jamie Bates, and Alec Ellsworth, and Mike attended.
2. Review and Approve Agenda
Capitol City Land Trust Update added to the agenda and discussed by Katie. Agenda Approved.
3. Approve Minutes from December.
One small edit made to ordinance language. Minutes approved unanimously.
4. Public Comment (Comments from the public on any matters not already listed on the agenda)
No members from the public present.
5. Capitol City Land Trust is being revitalized by Kris Hammer who is working to hold conservation easements and seeking officers. This would support MCC partnership with Parks, as well as be a third party to the Land Trust. A meeting is scheduled for Friday 01/17/2020 at 2PM at North Branch Café for those interested to attend. There is a similar opportunity presented by Greg Western of Vermont Cross Trails and are already Land Trust Alliance Approved (LTA). Members will coordinate meeting invites to both Kris and Greg, as these opportunities are not mutually exclusive.
6. MCC Aspirations with Mike
Mike provided comments for aspirations drafted by Brenna. Further edits are needed before being finalized.
7. New member recruitment efforts
Continuously reach out to anyone you think may be interested. Remind those who hve showed interest. Jhasmine with the City, updated vacancies posted on Front Porch Forum and City website.
8. Brochure development planning
Use the annual report and aspirations, once complete, to draft the brochure.
9. GSI Walking Tour Signage & LCBP Education and Outreach Grant Update
Page applied for an Education and Outreach LCBP Grant for the proposed amount of \$8480 to pay for signage for the Green Stormwater Infrastructure Walking Tour at 3 locations (VSECU, Walking Bridge, and Union Elementary with VT River Conservancy). We will hear from LCBP in March. The check from the Community Fund

check was received for \$1000. This grant requires an annual report. Page will complete the treasurers report. Design meeting for the VSECU sign is 01/21/2020.

10. Surveying wetlands within the Winooski Watershed update & explanation of the Wetlands Advisory layer (Charlie)

Charlie presented data collected and available to us through the Master Naturalist Program, 2018 BioBlitz, State rapid wetland assessments completed within Montpelier. Charlie agreed to send links to all sites mentioned via email. Charlie will coordinate a future rapid wetland assessment training with MCC. Data can be used to improve existing maps, planning, and social media presence. Reminder and city website edit needs to go through Seth. MCC needs to brainstorm areas of interest to identify wetlands of interest in Montpelier. MCC also needs to decide whether we would like to continue persists for a contactor for vernal pool and wetland surveying in Montpelier.

11. Other

12. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:34 PM.