

3/8/07

Conservation Commission Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Chris Dawson, Chuck McGill, Joel Fay, Julie Elmore, Sarah Pinto, Ben Ware

Reviewed status of current projects:

Got a more formal listing of open space from the town, Melissa is going to be making a map with the open space on it and Chuck will get it from her.

Purchased 72 shirts, and sold 5 at Town Meeting. They will be on sale at the Town Office.

The trail day dates are still tentative at this point.

Chris will be trying again to get more info on the Farmers Market to make up a flier.

Ben is still making up the presentation/notes from the Local Water Quality Protection seminar.

Rosemary is looking into reviving the trail maintenance committee and making sure that the trail adopters know what they should be doing.

Julie will be taking a picture of the t-shirts to give to Ben to put into the newsletter.

The display boards and brochures from Town Meeting will be put up in the library, with some of the brochures possibly going to the town office.

Julie will be talking with the seniors in town at one of the monthly luncheons about doing a presentation for them, and possibly getting information from them on old roads.

Sarah looked into the VT Trails and Greenways Council and felt that they did not have any connections or influence that we did not already have, and that we would be better off to save our \$35.

Sarah found some more trails and is putting more of them on a map, and Chuck will make an overlay of these "unofficial" trails.

Chuck will also be talking with Dave Tilton about getting a CD with materials related to the Better Backroads report.

Still no response from VAST about a trail map from them, which might be used to create a map with winter only trails.

Stewardship of town lands: Chris had fliers from a couple of forestry workshops for anyone who wanted to go. We can be stewards of conserved land that the select board could accept for the town, which could be a way to help reduce the burden on the Vermont Land Trust. We could also be stewards for land that the VLT already has conserved to reduce the burden on them. The select board has left it open for us to develop a plan to do this.

At town meeting, Marilyn Thomas and Lisa Fargo both mentioned people who might be interested in conserving land.

Elected official positions:

Clerk – Ben Ware

Treasurer – Chuck McGill

Chair – Chris Dawson

Meeting adjourned 7:53 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Benjamin Ware