

Richmond Conservation Commission

Minutes for 10 September 2019 meeting

Members of public present: Jon Kart

Commissioners: Judy Rosovsky, Bob Low, Mary Houle, Jimmy Cochran, Elizabeth Wright (via phone)

Approve minutes:

- 1) The July 30, 2019 special meeting minutes were approved pending the removal of the parenthetical comments.
- 2) The August 13th regular meeting minutes were approved. Roll call: Judy R, aye; Bob L. aye, Mary H., aye; Jimmy C., aye, Elizabeth W., aye.

Conservation Reserve Fund:

Bob Low will present a review of the Conservation Reserve Fund(CRF) history. Jack remarked that the CRF was originally a rotating fund. Neither Bob nor Jack have found language in Selectboard records that document this. Mary remembers a discussion about this. The fund is up for renewal every five years. He said the options are: 1) keep the CRF as is, 2) expand the role of the CRF, or 3) don't renew fund.

ANR Fish&Wildlife Natural Resources Planning Courses:

Monica Przyperhart is offering the town of Richmond the opportunity to participate in two courses, designed for planning, conservation and recreation commissioners and other interested parties. The RCC supports this, and discussed the possible dates, some of which conflict with regular planning and conservation meetings. (Nov 12 and 19 (Tuesdays) and Dec 9 and 16 (Mon's). Each course is 4 hours total and are split into 2 sessions. JR will email Monica and ask for slightly different dates. It was suggested that Monica be invited to our next meeting.

Announcements:

Wednesday Sept 18 and 19 are a Willis Hill bioblitz. Can we get Master Naturalists involved? Sandy Fary is MN.

Williston is having a stream clean up Sept 14th. Oct 5th is the Salmon Fest.

Invasive plant management discussion:

Jack is involved with Lake Iroquois (LI). They will be doing DASH-Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) suction at LI, which is the worst in the state for EWM.

Jack and Jon Kart are setting up a workshop for dealing with buckthorn at LI for October 12 (meet at the boat lunch). Buckthorn seeds are viable for 5 years. The berries have no nutritional value to local wildlife and have a laxative effect. Conservation commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Bombadier property:

Mary Houle noted that the Bombadier property is not being hayed now, and that Farr is supposed to mow the Safford land. Is that land for town use? No but there is an easement for the farmhouse. The perimeter was mowed. Mary would like to see parking made available on the Bombadier property. Dedicated parking ought to be available for town land parcels.