

Richmond Conservation Commission

Minutes for 8 October 2019 meeting

Members of public present: Caitlin Littlefield, Brad Elliott

Commissioners: Judy Rosovsky, Bob Low, Mary Houle, Jack Linn

Minutes of September meeting were approved.

There was a discussion of alternative uses for Conservation Reserve Fund (CRF) funding, specifically for recreation. That would require drafting a new policy document and guidelines, either as a replacement or new initiative. [Please note that CRF monies can currently be used for recreation).

Jack Linn discussed the upcoming workshop on the invasives at the common land at Lake Iroquois. That will take place on Oct 12. Plans for publicizing it were discussed.

The VT Agency of Natural Resources is offering a class on planning/natural resources and the Richmond Conservation Commission has volunteered to publicize this to potential attendees and help set up the meeting. JR will check with Monica P. from F&W that a location has been found.

Bob Low discussed the renewal of the CRF, including the data on how it's been used for the last 15 years. A long discussion about how to approach the Selectboard for the CC presentation of the past use of the CRF.

Discussion on the Town Forest Management plan was tabled as no-one had access to the internet, now that the CESU folks have moved out and taken their guest access with them.

C. Littlefield suggested that some thing should be included in the forest management plan about climate change.