

RICHMOND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting notes, Tuesday April 09, 2024

7:30 PM

Agenda:

Meeting Start: 7:30p.m.

Committee members attending – Kit Emery, Jeanette Malone, Bob Galvin, Bob Low, Kit Emery, Judy Rosovsky, Ibit Wright, Dan Schmidt

Members of the public attending – Jon Kart, Sam Pratt, Trevian Stanger

Introductions around the table.

Minutes taker / Minutes:

- Minutes: Kit Emery
- Motion to approve the March minutes. Bob L agrees to change Cecilia D to Alicia Daniel – motion passed

Public Comments:

- Jon K and Trevian S. want to discuss Conservation Reserve Fund proposal for Volunteer's Green supplemental tree planting.

Additions, amendments to agenda:

- None

Conservation Reserve Fund proposal for Volunteer's Green supplemental tree planting:

- Trevian S: Gives overview of the request for CRF funds to support the project
- Jon K: Gives a full detailed overview for the project, number of trees to be planted and types of trees (willow and Dogwood). Where the trees will be planted and replaced and discussed efforts to organize volunteers to help with the project.
- Judy: discussed ways to increase resiliency, sponsor workshops, send out pamphlets etc.
- Jeanette: Thanked Jon K for all his continued hard work on this project.
- Jon K: Asked for CFR funding.
- Judy: Called a motion to support the project.
- A motion was approved by all commissioners.

Green-Up Day:

- Ibit: Gives update on Green up day and will ensure the coverage map will be available at the entrance in the town hall on May 4th, 2024.
- Bob G: Agrees to coordinate with Ibit.
- Ibit will communicate with Green up VT and place add in FPF.

Update on Save Our Salamanders:

- Jeannette M: Training for the SOS leaders was completed. Discussion on how best to coordinate efforts to connect with each other. A decision to use a signup sheet would be best. Jeanette will add columns. Sam P will send out the spreadsheet. Discussions on how best to be safe on Route 2. It was agreed that RTE 2 would be treated only as a survey and assessment for data collection.
- Additional discussions for a potential location to be monitored would be the lower area on Stage Road.
- Bob G: suggested we send our data to Keith O'Born of Transportation.
- Jeanette M will organize posts to FPF.

Updates Andrews Committee Meeting 4/5/24:

- Dan S. indicated the committee is trying to find consensus and working towards "Action" steps. Still discussing policy guidelines.
- Jeanette M: asked Dan S what the ACF needs from us as RCC members. Dan responded that ACF will ask for our help after they have set guidelines.
- Bill Marks questioning lots of blow downs in the ACF in an email to Judy R.
- Sam P indicated some of that blow down is purposely done by Ethan T. for forest management purposes.
- Kit mentioned it keeps the deer from browsing on the newer trees.

Vermont Master Naturalist (MN) Program:

- Discussion on the video made by VMN with Jeanette and Kit. Judy asked if we should put it out on the website and possibly use it for educational outreach. She mentioned it to ACF rep Dan S to put it out on their website.
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Request attendance at Open Meeting Workshop:

- Judy R discussion on Open Meeting Workshop is on April 17th at 10:00 am to 11:30 am. She will check to see if more than one person from the committee can participate.

▪ Matters Arising:

- Request from Winooski Water Quality Outreach: Judy to contact "Friends Of Winooski River" seeking representatives.
- Pam Flask asked Judy R about Girl Scout opportunity to work on projects.
- Jeanette M asked to be a liaison to the Girl Scout project for the Gold Girl award.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25