

Guilford Conservation Commission Meeting

July 16, 2015

Attending: Marli Rabinowitz, Linda Lembke, Linda Hecker, Bill Jewell, Susan James, Gabby Ciuffreda, Karen Murphy

Not Attending: Rory Lincoln, Bevan Quinn

Guests: Gordon Little, Alison Higley White as potential GCC commissioners.

Meeting called to order at 5:05.

The Guilford Fair was added to the agenda under Other Business.

On motion the minutes from June 18 were accepted.

AVCC Tiny grant:

There were 18 people on the July 12<sup>th</sup> Weeks Forest Walk including some new faces and interested folks. The overall plan is to do the needed field work this summer and fall.

This includes improving wet areas, remove one old culvert, dismantle the fire ring, improve the field end of the trail and take into account Tim Clark's haying schedule.

Research into the cultural and historical aspects of the area will be done this winter. Signage is scheduled for spring and all should be in place by June.

Natural Resources Inventory:

Susan James reports that the Municipal Planning Grant is due at the end of September with a decision due in December. The Planning Commission is the actual signatory of the grant. John Bennett from the WRC will help with the wording of the grant. The GCC needs to communicate and coordinate with the Planning Commission and the Select Board.

Susan is also looking into applying for other grants e.g. the Small and Inspiring Grant from the VT Community Foundation.

Natural Heritage review:

Vermont state maps note rare, endangered and special species as well as unusual communities. The list is incomplete which gives the GCC a strong reason to do the inventory. Linda Lembke is working on uploading the info to the ANR site to help us decode the sites noted in Guilford.

Our next walk is Round Mountain in West Brattleboro. It will be on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.

Other Business:

We will not be having a booth at the Fair this year. Hopefully next year we can have one that involves the NRI and the Weeks Forest Trail.

Next meeting: August 20 at 5 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Murphy

Guilford Conservation Commission Clerk