

## Guilford Conservation Commission Meeting August 18, 2016

Attending: Linda Hecker, Linda Lembke, Rory Lincoln, Bill Jewell, Marli Rabinowitz, David Gessner, Bevan Quinn, Susan James, Gabby Ciuffreda

Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM.

Agenda adjustments: Regional meeting of conservation commissions  
Weeks Forest Update

On motion the minutes from July 21 were accepted.

The GCC is planning on hosting a regional meeting of conservation commissions and also inviting the Halifax Conservation group. We are planning a brief presentation by Joan Weir (Land Trust) and Jeff Nugent (WRC) describing their mapping work to identify possible land that might be conserved. The tentative date is November 17 at the Guilford Community Church starting at 5:30 for potluck and ending at 8 PM.

Weeks Forest Update:

- Front page article by Linda Hecker in the most recent Gazette.
- Joan Carey from BEEC is interested in contacting Roger Haydock to do a geology presentation of the trail area.
- Leah Gessner has organized a plan to include senior walks on the trail. The first one is September 14<sup>th</sup>. Karen Murphy will act as trail guide.
- The GCC will ask that the 6<sup>th</sup> graders disassemble their fire pit and ring when the snow has melted. Additional signage is planned that clearly states that no fires are allowed.

Field Day August 20 at the school sponsored by the new Recreation Commission: some of the GCC members will be on hand to lead a guided walk on the Carriage Trail for families if there is interest.

Trails Committee Structure: David Gessner spoke to the structure of a trails committee and feels that the goals of the Recreation Commission and the GCC in developing trails is quite different and that trying to merge both might be difficult.

Invite Tadj Schreck from the RC to be on the committee.

David hopes to spend time exploring possible trail routes with a special emphasis on parking at trail heads.

Ask interested identified volunteers to actively join the committee. Some of the GCC members may also be on this committee that may include David, Rory and Bevan.

Natural Resources Inventory (NRI): Gabby and Susan met with the Planning Commission and had them formally sign off on the Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) application. According to the grant guidelines there is a need to strengthen certain areas especially citizen involvement. A list of possible groups and organizations was generated. It is possible that community wide communication can be through the proposed PC calendar website.

Another area in the grant to consider is the relation to statewide priorities. This could include flood resilience, village center designations, compact walkable places and improving planning and regulation processes. Susan will be sending us drafts for comment and additions. The grant application is due October 31.

Next walk: September 18 at 9:30 AM. Meet at the Sweet Pond parking area. We'll be hiking around the far end of the "pond," and walk up the hill to an old logging road that ends up on the Borkowski/Sweet Pond trail near a well preserved cellar hole. Options from there are to walk down to a beaver pond or hike back to Borkowski's.

Municipal Day is September 9.

Next meeting is September 15 at 5 PM at the town office.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Murphy  
Clerk, Guilford Conservation Meeting