

Guilford Conservation Commission Meeting September 17, 2015

Attending: Linda Hecker, Linda Lembke, Gordon Little, Marli Rabinowitz, Susan James, Gabby Ciuffreda, Bill Jewell, Karen Murphy
Not attending: Bevan Quinn, Rory Lincoln

Meeting called to order at 5:10.

Agenda additions: Report of Natural Heritage info under Natural Resources Inventory
Library idea under other business

On motion meeting minutes of August 21 accepted.

We welcomed Gordon Little as the newest GCC member. We gave a brief explanation of resources archived in Dropbox, and the Conserving Vermont's Natural Heritage from the WRC.

Weeks Forest Update: September 13 work day was rained out. The next scheduled work day is September 26 with a last rain date of October 3. Work needed to be done on the trail include bridging wet areas, removing a culvert, weed whacking, buckthorn removal and dismantling of the Guilford Central School Forest Friday fire pit. Marli reported that two trees need to be removed from the trail. Several people have volunteered to tackle these problems including repairing the Weeks Forest Memorial sign. Linda L will be in contact with Jen Kramer (6th grade teacher at GCS) to ask how the 6th grade students might like to be involved. Ideas mentioned were help with work days, help with signage research, historical society research, visits from GCC members or NEFF representative.

Linda L will send a revised trail article to the Gazette by October 1. Linda L shared the Guilford Mineral Spring Water brochure that Reed and Barbara Anthony gave the GCC. Linda L also shared a copy of the Bolton (VT) Trail Guide that might be useful to us.

Natural Resource Inventory

A big thank you to Susan James who pulled together a strong Municipal Planning Grant for submission at the end of September. Gabby Ciuffreda will be submitting the application online. John Bennett vetted the budget. If the application is accepted in December, we will be putting out bids for the professional work immediately as the grant has an 18 month time frame.

Linda Lembke explained the Natural Heritage data and will put it in the Dropbox.

The next walk is on October 17 at 10 AM on the Delta Campus Trails. Karen will investigate the trails and send out the info to the Walk list.

Marli talked about library resources and floated the idea of a central repository for us and the neighboring CCs. At this time there is a small collection at the Austine School staffed by the County Extension agent. She will bring up the idea at the next joint CC meeting.

Next meeting is October 15 at 5 PM at the town office.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Murphy
Guilford Conservation Commission clerk