

Guilford Conservation Commission Meeting September 15, 2016

Attending: Linda Hecker, Linda Lembke, Susan James, Bill Jewell, David Gessner, Gabby Cuiffreda, Bevan Quinn, Karen Murphy

Not attending: Rory Lincoln, Marli Rabinowitz

Guest: Tadj Schreck

Meeting called to order at 5 PM.

Change of agenda: trail discussion moved to first item.

On motion the minutes from August 18 were accepted.

Karen shared a nice response from Kathy and Dick Clark about the Weeks Forest Trail. Linda L had a positive response from Barbara Anthony as well. The senior walk on the trail (sponsored by Leah Gessner from Guilford Cares) on September 14<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Eleven seniors thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

David gave a summary of where we stand on trail development. With the Weeks Forest trail completed he would like to build on its success and focus on the Sweet Pond Trail. Happily, the state is on board with this kind of recreational use. The Sweet Pond group raised around \$7000 to be used for recreational enhancement (ideas to be suggested by community members).

The members decided that the trails group be a subcommittee of the GCC with the addition of community members. Tadj, a Recreation Commission member, is willing to be on the committee with David acting as chair.

The walk this Sunday at Sweet Pond/Borkowski Road will help with the vision of an enhanced trail. David will be setting a time for a trails committee meeting to help create an action plan.

Weeks Forest Trail maintenance:

- Need for bi-yearly clean up
- Continue work on invasive plants
- Need for sign to discourage littering and ban on fires
- Work day on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 10-noon

Natural Resources Inventory:

Susan, with our great thanks, has written a draft for the Municipal Planning Grant (MPG). Members gave her suggestions to strengthen the proposal. The select board has approved the application. Linda H, Linda L and Karen are willing to be copy editors for the final application.

Events:

- Walk this Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup>. Meet at Sweet Pond parking area at 9:30.
- September 19<sup>th</sup>---Planning Commission unveils new website for comments at 7 PM at the grange
- September 20<sup>th</sup>---Joint meeting of regional conservation commissions in Newfane sponsored by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife from 6-8 PM

- November 17<sup>th</sup>--- joint regional commissions at the Guilford Community Church from 5:30 to 8.

Next Meeting is October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM at the town office.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Murphy  
Clerk Guilford Conservation Commission