

Guilford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes January 13, 2015

Attending: Linda Hecker, Linda Lembke, Susan James, Marli Rabinowitz, Rory Lincoln, Karen Murphy

Not attending: Bill Jewell, Bevan Quinn, Dick Clark

Meeting called to order at 5 PM.

On motion the minutes from October 16, 2014 were accepted.

Jens Hilke will be attending our February 19th meeting to discuss the Natural Resources inventory. The estimate for a thorough survey with field work will be about \$15,000. Arrowwood Environmental has a good reputation in this area. There are grants available such as the VT Fish and Wildlife Watershed Grant, the Municipal Planning grants and perhaps Silvio Conte grant.

Susan James has agreed to be the lead person in moving this project forward.

We briefly discussed the natural resources section of the Town Plan. Linda Lembke, Linda Hecker and Susan James met with Sheila Morse of the Planning Commission to work on formatting. Jeff Nugent and Kim Smith from the WRC are working on the Forest sections. When the town plan is approved we will review the NR section and make a prioritized timeline of goals and actions and who will be responsible for leading their implementation.

Town Meeting: We decided to set up a map display of ancient roads, the new VTrans and Highway maps, along with the natural resources maps. We are also planning on having a blank map of Guilford where folks can jot down possible trails. We will also include a sign up sheet for a possible trails committee and a second one to sign up for our occasional walks.

Ancient Roads: The work on identifying old roads is now complete. The select board was grateful for our work and for the recommended additions to the town highway map. All of us who worked on this project, along with Eric Morse, enjoyed the complicated process.

Our next walk is on Saturday, February 7 at 10 AM. We will be walking along Grassy Spur in Green River Village, looking for tracks and possible trails that could be developed. The walk may be extended to cross a small brook and head east into the woods.

Next meeting is February 19th at 5 PM in the town office.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Murphy

Clerk Guilford Conservation Commission.