

Bethel Conservation Commission Minutes – 12/10/13

Present Mary Floyd, Moe Brigham, Tom Warhol, Emily Miller, Jen Schomp at the Town Offices.

Action on Minutes approved minutes from 10/13 meeting (CC attended TRORC workshop instead of a meeting in November).

Business

- TRORC workshop in November: the group discussed the workshop and generally agreed that it was helpful. Lots of information and much of it was geared more to planning commissions, but still a good introduction to many of the topics.
- The group read through of the most recent Town Plan (adopted July 25, 2011) with an eye to how the Conservation Commission may be involved. Of particular interest are:
 - Rec facilities and public lands (p.26)
 - Wastewater treatment (p.28)
 - Water Supply (p.29)
 - Land use and transportation (p.37)
 - Land use (p.41)
 - Natural resources (p.44)
 - Ag and forestry (p.47)
- Some documents/materials we'd like to see in order to better educate ourselves as a CC (Mary will inquire with the Town Office about these):
 - The Source Protection Plan for the water supply system (most recently updated in 2010?)
 - Information about the wastewater treatment plant
 - Inventory of town forests and/or information about them
- Winter Forum: the group decided we were not prepared to put anything together for January. We'll try to do something at a later date (perhaps early spring so we can publicize it at Town Meeting).

Communications/Notifications

- Mary has received a box of old CC-related communications from Davis Dimmock and Victoria Weber.
 - Victoria also suggested that we renew our membership in the Assoc of VT Conservation Commissions. Tom will look into membership.
 - A slideshow for new conservation commissions by VT F&W was mentioned. Jen will look into obtaining it somehow.

Some agenda items for the next meeting:

- Go over any questions brought up by a careful read of the town plan

- Go over what Mary finds in town records
- Emily will find out where the Phase II Geomorphic Assessment of Bethel's rivers/streams stands
- Jen will look into VT F&W slideshow
- Tom will investigate Assoc of VT Conservation Commissions

Meeting adjourned around 8 pm.

Next meeting will be **Tuesday, 14, 6pm** (note earlier time)