

TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES – FINAL
March 1, 2023
3PM TOWN OFFICES MEETING ROOM

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm
2. Attendees: Irit Levy, chair; Jennie Lucas, vice chair; Charles and Rebecca Hastings, members; John Recine, ex-officio, Cyndy Piekos, alternate; Dylan Tucker, Superintendent Water/Wastewater; Mark Decoteau, Town Manager.
3. The minutes from January 17, 2023 were approved unanimously.
4. Privilege of the floor - N/A
5. Old Business
 - a. No updates from Rick VDP re: Snows Brook project. The town sent a letter to the Forest Service explaining the importance of the project and asking for their support.
 - b. Follow-up on construction site run-off – no news since winter is in full swing, but we'll keep this on the agenda each month to make sure we stay on top of it.
 - c. Greenbelt parcel sign discussion – Charles made a motion to approve two 12-inch round signs to be placed on either end of the lot (one by the bridge, one near the tunnel). The motion was approved. Prior discussion included adding the land acknowledgment statement to the sign, adding a third sign somewhere perhaps midway along the lot that might explain a little more about the parcel, its wetlands features, etc. Charles and Becca were tapped for pursuing this at some point down the road. Steve said he would contact Megaprint for a PDF mock-up of the sign that we could print on paper to review before final construction of the signs.
 - d. Water line project – this is just about done. They are just finishing up minor electrical work and waiting on the generator.
 - e. WWTF – Dylan reviewed the status of the project and answered a multitude of questions regarding funding, engineering, the sewer line to the resort, the resort's potential septic plan, history of the current plant, EPA regulations and how the permits are issued these days, construction bidding, etc. They hope to have a 3-D model of the proposed plant to view at Town Meeting.
 - f. Transfer station – Mark reviewed the status of this project. The wetlands permit application was approved. The project will be going out to bid in March, and they are hoping construction can begin as soon as possible in the spring, because the December 1, 2023 deadline for having the new facility up and running is not flexible.

- g. Becca presented the critter safe trash receptacle idea to the Resort Association, and they seemed receptive, but haven't responded with any proposals at this time.
- 6. New Business:
 - a. Sierra Club's "12 ways to halt climate change" – tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.
 - b. Discussion of warrant articles – the ConComm will hold a special meeting prior to town meeting to discuss the warrant article pertaining to the purchase of the Rec. land. Mark suggested that having the ConComm make a statement voicing support for the purchase would be helpful to the effort to get the article to pass.
- 7. Other business – brief discussion about the Governor's proposal to eliminate many statewide licensing requirements, including that for wetland scientists. Members may choose to write to their legislators if they oppose this action. The ConComm may wish to send a letter as well, but we need to look into timing of the votes at the state house.

The date of the next regular meeting has been set for Wednesday, April 5 at 3pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44pm

"We are located on N'dakinna, which is the traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki, Pennacook, and Wabanaki Peoples, past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land and waterways and the alnobak (people) who have stewarded N'dakinna throughout the generations."