

**TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES – FINAL  
June 21, 2023  
3PM TOWN OFFICES MEETING ROOM**

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:01pm
2. Attendees: Irit Levy, chair; Jennie Lucas, vice chair, Cyndy Piekos, member; Patrick Marr, alternate; Steve Royer, Town Administrator; Rich Rita, Selectboard Chair; Kimberly Rawson, WWES teacher and some of her 7<sup>th</sup> and 8 grade students; Paul Ricotta, alternate via ZOOM.
3. Paul Ricotta and Patrick Marr were both seated in place of Charles and Becca Hastings.
4. Presentation by WWES on forest fire prevention and forest management – Kimberly Rawson introduced 4 students who shared a PowerPoint presentation and a video on the subject matter. There was mutual gratitude that the students can contribute real work to their community as “citizen-science partners.”
5. The minutes from May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup> were approved unanimously (Cyndy P. motioned to approve, Patrick M. seconded).
6. Privilege of the floor – none
7. Old Business
  - a. Update on Snows Brook project – Irit reported that we haven’t had any new communication from Rick Van De Poll on this project. The deadline for using the funds appropriated at Town Meeting in 2022 is 12/31/24.
  - b. No new news on runoff issues at construction sites.
  - c. Irit presented the three small Greenbelt parcel “badges” that will be placed somewhere along the perimeter of the Greenbelt parcel. Steve said he is working on having a mock-up of a larger descriptor sign for a future meeting.
  - d. Jennie reviewed the proposal put together by herself, Mark Decoteau and Rich Rita for the Forest Service. The Town is proposing deconstruction of 2 beaver dams in the vicinity of well #4 to reduce the flooding and return the stream to its original flow. Jennie motioned to approve the proposal and send it to the Selectboard for their review. Cyndy seconded. Approved unanimously. Jennie is planning to attend the Selectboard meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. Steve reviewed the Transfer Station project. It is now going to stay in its current spot for another year, but it will be fully gated and manned starting sometime in the fall. Steve said the Town is working on figuring out days and hours of operation. This will be the biggest impact on residents.

- f. Irit reviewed the Sierra Club's "12 Ways to Halt Climate Change" brochure.
  - g. Irit reported that Horizon Engineering would be completing the Greenbelt parcel border survey this week and would be able to do it "at cost."
8. New Business
- a. Review of the Town's fire prevention plans and CWPP was tabled until a future meeting when Public Safety Director David Noyes can join us.
  - b. Dylan Tucker reviewed fluoride levels in Town drinking water. Any fluoride present in our water supply is naturally occurring and not at sufficient levels to cause concern. However, he recommended filtering water if anyone has lingering concerns, and even something as simple as a Brita filter will remove most traces of fluoride.

The date of the next regular meeting has been set for Wednesday, July 19 at 3pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm (Jennie motioned, Cyndy seconded).

*"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."*