

Town of Waterville Valley

Conservation Commission

DRAFT of Minutes of ConComm meeting on Sept 14, 2017

called to order 4:05

present are Mike Furgal, Rich Rita, Martha Plante, Jean Mullen (5pm)
Chris Bierbrier, Irit Levy, John Recine, Mark Decoteau

motion to accept minutes of June 1, approved

old business:

Martha discussed Snow's Mt parking lot drainage and whose responsibility is it? The town has a drainage easement. Parking lot is owned by BBTS.

Chris B discussed the issue of swimming holes in our waterways. Mad River is covered by the Shoreland Protection Act.

As Mark explained, Town must comply with the state rules. Snow's Brook is not part of this; neither is West Branch. Owners own up to the high water mark. Under Wetlands Protection, perhaps those waterways could be covered - some towns do this. Town can set setbacks up to National Forest land. Is this something to consider?

To prevent swimming holes, DES can get involved. People may apply for a permit which then may not be approved. Land use information will be a link on our WV website. And then, the town can send a notice to the Realty offices.

Town has plans to shore up the Mad River Trail since there are signs of erosion. DES will get involved - 250' from normal high water mark

new business:

Mike talked about the dead trees at entrance to town and on Boulder Path - they need to be cut down.

Wetlands Report - executive summary (25 pages) needs to go to the PB/ Master Plan
ConComm members should familiarize themselves with this report. We can review it at next meeting. Sharon can send us copies.

We will need to redo the Wetlands report in a few years. We can also invite Cindy Balcius for a meeting with us in the next few months. The original video can be viewed on line at the June 12, 2014 Planning Board meeting.

Mark discussed town wells using map of all wells. Well #3 is out of service now & being examined. Mark described town water usage, storage facilities and water treatment (hyper chloride, etc)
New well is state of the art, automated and would be able to handle all of town's needs in the future.

adjourned after tour of wells at 6:12 pm

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2018.