

Minutes
Conservation Commission of Waterville Valley
Tuesday January 19, 2021 @ 4pm via Zoom

Meeting call to order 4:02pm

Members in attendance via Zoom: Irit Levy, Chair; Chris Bierbrier V.Chair; Martha Plante, Sec. ; Ed Lucente, John Recine (Planning Board ex-officio)

Guests: Mark Decoteau, Rick Van de Poll (ecosystems consultant), Wendi Rathgeber, Chair Planning Board, Tara Bamford (Consultant for Planning Board)

1. . Reviewed and approved edited minutes of December 15, 2020 meeting.

Old Business: Re 25 ft wetlands setback suggestion:

1. Rick Van de Poll reviewed some of his work and findings regarding wetlands that are detailed in his (NRI) Natural resource Inventory created in 2019 and presented in early 2020. We hope the Planning Board reps will see our reasons for requesting a 25 foot wetland setback. Exact setback locations and wording will need to be detailed and flexible due to the number and variety of wetlands currently in the Valley.

Discussion included stormwater management as a major issue and possibly as a more important issue than adding a setback. Roads have recently been reviewed and assessed for the town. Per M. Decoteau, culverts are also being looked at. We agree all road/culvert/drainage issues need to be detailed and coordinated as we budget and make plans for road repairs, upgrades and fixes in the next several years. Some money is currently set aside in the (CPI) Capitol improvement Plan for above road improvements. More will be needed.

R. Van De Poll will send an estimate for detailing the naturally occurring wetland that would most benefit from a 25 foot set back. T. Bamford, W.Rathgeber and the Planning board will work together to strengthen the current site plan review regulations to incorporate wetland protection suggestions from R. Van de Poll.

Privilege of the floor: none

New business:

1. Craig Larson, owner of golf course, did not log in. Postponed for another date tbd.
2. The ConComm members discussed having articles in the WigWag every 2 – 3 months in order to keep citizens informed of our concerns and give progress updates on current town wide projects.

Privilege of the floor: none

Date of next meeting: TBD
Adjourned at 5:10