

**Town of Waterville Valley**  
**Minutes for the Conservation Commission**

Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 @ 4pm

Location: Town Hall Meeting Room + Zoom

1. Meeting called to order at 4:06pm
2. Attending: Irit Levy, Chair, John Recine (ex-officio, Planning Board), Rebecca Hastings (new member), Ed Lucente, and Rick Van de Poll, ecosystems analyst.
  - Other attendees: Mark Decoteau and Steve Royer
3. Filled posts for Vice Chair: Rebecca Hastings  
And for Secretary: Kristen Taylor  
Approved
4. Oct. 4 minutes approved
5. Sediment Retention Project for Snow's Brook and Lot 32C -  
Rick discussed adding coarse woody material to trap sediment and slow the velocity of Snow's Brook into Corcoran's Pond. He said a few grant agencies would be willing to fund, including perhaps a 25% match (TBD). Rick said he's hopeful that we can find funding, and once again, suggested referring to the Tin Mountain project as an example as to how to best cooperate with the Forest Service for Snow's Brook and, ultimately, to achieve our ConComm objective of slowing/stopping sediment drainage into Corcoran's Pond following project completion.

Rick suggested that providing all of his findings to the WV Board of Selectmen in time for their November 11 meeting is unlikely since he still needs to get some responses in writing from his Forest Service sources.

Rick discussed the grant submission process:

- Needs to determine timeframes for submission and length of the approval cycle.  
Unknown variables include:
- Specific award announcements
- Various deadlines for grants, typically Oct/Nov, though Federal grants could be earlier, Sept/Oct
- Other grant deadlines are rolling
- Colin Lawson will help us work out the details

Rick suggested our CC' submission of project information into the WV budget process in 2 phases:

- Phase 1: PLANNING - Gather all information by Dec. 31 and submit to the BOS.  
Mark suggested a \$50,000 placeholder for the 2023 Capital Improvement

Project budget so that the SB and WV residents are aware of the sediment retention project

- Phase 2: GET THE PROJECT COMPLETED

Project Estimate assumptions:

- 2.5 miles total, including the 1.56-mile length of brook and the approximately 10 intermittent flowages
- Expense rate = \$20,000 per mile
- Estimate total: \$50,000 (2.5 miles X \$20,000)
- Other considerations include the area in lot 32C getting field-checked in advance by Brooke Brown, district ranger for the FS Brooke would also have discussions with a biologist, hydrologist, et al.
- Colin Lawson (Trout Unlimited), who's already done work with the Forest Service, will provide guidance

6. Lot 32C Greenbelt Zoning Proposal to the Planning Board -  
Irit spoke of changing the current Village Commercial zoning of Lot 32C to Greenbelt zoning

John Recine will speak with Wendy Nov. 9 to see if the ConComm can get on the Planning Board's agenda

Assuming yes, Ed Lucente will attend the Planning Board's 8 am Nov. 11 meeting to make the request to the Planning Board that they propose the change in zoning to the BS.

Note: Ultimate zoning approval to switch Lot 32C from Village Commercial to Greenbelt zoning will require a super-majority vote

7. Master Plan language – Our discussion was “tabled” - Lisa Reid and John Recine will look into language in the Master Plan about the Conservation Commission and all it can include (TBD)
8. Well #3 – Mark stated that on Nov. 8 he put out another request for bid since he'd received no responses last summer
  - Mark hopes to select a contractor in the first week of January 2022
  - Work would start in the Spring of 2022
  - Work would be completed by end-of-year 2022
  - Mark mentioned that the pre-bid engineering cost was \$4,000, and that it's well-worthwhile in order to do the entire \$1.2 million well restoration and pipeline expansion project correctly, which includes Well #2's connection to the

Treatment Facility and pipeline redundancy across the Mad River for the first time ever

9. Easement Signs for Lot 32C and elsewhere – Irit and John Recine discussed their discovery of “conservation-style” easement signs posted on trees on a recent hike. They showed attendees the photo of that particular easement sign. They suggested adding signs along easement areas for Lot 32C and elsewhere. Discussion ensued with Mark and Rebecca regarding creating a customized WV Conservation Committee logo for an easement sign. Everyone liked the concept. Next steps include:
- Creating a mark-up design (Irit Levy/Rebecca Hastings)
  - Creating a ConComm logo prototype (Rebecca Hastings)
  - Determining the # of easement signs needed based on specific locations requested (i.e., Lot 32C and elsewhere)
  - Submitting easement sign proposal when ready to \_\_\_\_\_

Privilege of the floor: silence

Date of next meeting: Monday, December 13, 2021 @ 4pm

Meeting Adjourned 5:04pm