

Town of Waterville Valley  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2022

1. Call to order @ 4:05
2. Roll Call- Kristen Taylor, Rebecca Hastings, Irit Levy, Chair, John Recine (ex-officio) Mark Decoteau, Town Manager, Steve Royer, assistant
3. Review minutes of last meeting
  1. Question- Zoning- changing to green belt will be on the ballot. Budget hearing on Wednesday.
  2. Rebecca motioned to approve minutes; John seconded
4. Old Business
  - Review and discuss Tara Bamford master plan- chapter 5
  - Chapter 5
    - Storm water needs attention, and is being addressed so that it minimizes sedimentation. ( Sedimentation into Corcoran's Pond costs the town ~ \$700K every 6-7 years for dredging; with the plan for sediment mitigation, we can save the town this expense.)
    - Are culverts assessed? This should be an ongoing action as new roads & new homes are built.
    - Not spending money on Village road now until Tyrell addresses the gondola and large hotel b/c that will interrupt Village road
    - Drainage improvement is part of the project
    - Also- funding our sedimentation remediation programs
  - Question on page 63 about being tastefully designed and built.
  - Question about Abenaki tribe living here for thousands of years. Hastings think they just passed through. Take specific tribes out of the plan- just reference Indigenous.
5. Privilege of the floor - none
6. New Business: Replace trees from those lost to construction
  - Put a program in place to re-plant
    - Rebecca has been researching. Arbor day, Earth Day week, involve Rey Center etc.
    - Include native plants and tree list with planning board, to communicate to developers
7. FYI- NHACC has been watching certain bills: as stewards of our land, we need to protect and preserve our natural resources.
8. Date of next meeting:
  - Don't need to meet until Rick is ready for us & Rebecca has the plant document (April meeting) new Board of Selectman will do re-appointments of everyone's terms who are up. **4/11 @ 4**
    - Need 3 more positions ( we will swear in Rebecca + possibly Charles Hastings )
9. Mark reviewed the water project that will take place July- August 2022. The new piping will connect wells 2 + 3 to new treatment building.
  - Motion to adjourn- Seconded adjourned at 5:25