

Town of Waterville Valley Conservation Commission Minutes of Dec 13, 2021

1. Call to order at 4:03

2. In attendance: Irit Levy, Rebecca Hastings, Lisa Reid, guest, John Racine, ex-officio, Kristen Taylor, Secretary, Rick Van de Poll, Steve Royer, admin, Charles Hastings, guest
On zoom: Tara Bamford, Mark Decoteau, Max Schrader
Absent: Ed Lucente

3. New business

Max Schrader, project engineer for White Peak Express ski lift

- Looking to expedite the permit. Will send a signoff after the project.
 - Mark Decoteau recommends taking a vote of the board to make it official that
 - Rebecca Hastings made motion John Racine seconded
- Wetland area C101 & 102
- Increase size of station and grading in wetlands
 - Barn building will be used to store the lift chairs when not in use
 - T bar will go about 2000 feet up Tecumseh
 - Will have grading impact into wetlands
 - The wetlands here were filled Long ago, and have nil functional value
- Forest service has been in communication with ski lodge - David Dean
- Conducted a bat survey (completed in June/July 2021)
 - Findings calibrated in Sept, and the biological In October
- John Racine asked for copy of the architect report

Tara Bamford, Master Plan & ConComm

- Will be writing up a land use plan at the end. Planning board is hoping conservation committee will take the lead. Put it into the format.
- Looking for a lead to format the next step. John Racine and Irit Levy can take the lead.
 - All recommendations will become part of an action plan
 - Can we use Rick to fill in the conservation committee's recommendation for the plan?
 - We have an NRI. If Rick is available to update the working draft what Rick is saying Tara needs- we can then use that, and Tara can review it and format it to match the rest of the master plan.
 - Estimate time of completion is 12/31/21. If it lingers it will take money and time away from things for next year. Cost dependency can work out some encumbrances. Tara will write the plan going forward

with the assumption that Rick agrees. If he disagrees, give a heads-up ASAP.

4. Old Business

- a. Snow's Brook Project update. Rick walked it today and found, 2.5 miles of treatable segment. The brook is a probably third order brook. Not marked correctly on the US geological survey, Which means it will be tricky to provide wood that will remain in place, because the velocity and flow is too great.
 - Very little wood or woody cover, however there are boulders.
 - Have a couple lateral tributary's which have failed. That will be an issue with the trail system. Rick will suggest and include enough funding to replace the culverts. Forest service has dedicated funds for assistance with infrastructure practice.
 - Rick's next steps are to finish assessment and connect with Colin. Will be in touch with John. Looking for a number to put in the CIP by second week of January. Need to forward that to the selectman.
 - @Mark Decoteau – told the room, we have 3 years to spend money
 - Charles Hastings- guest has a question if the project will extend, as the trail is bottle neck. Also asked about Lost Pass trail.
- b. John Recine- conservation committee purchased land and wants to rezone the Town-owned lot 105-1032C from the Village Commercial (VC) district to the "Greenbelt" (GB) district, like other Town-owned land on Snow's Brook. Question is- (Ed and John) are wondering if there is a zoning change, whether there will be a change in the money for funding. There will NOT. Approval to ask for the zoning change.
 - John will attend the 1/13 Planning board meeting

5. Review of Minutes from November 8, 2021

- a. Motion from Rebecca Hastings to approve minutes, John Recine seconds- all approve.

6. New Business

- a. Discuss Casella's application/letter to DES
 - Mark Decoteau- mentioned they are a vendor for WV. Statements that charge Casella of wrongdoing is not the method we want as it will be on the record for the state of NH that this commission is in opposition.
 - We will revamp the letter and cut a couple paragraphs

Date of Next meeting

- a. January 1/10/21 @ 4 pm to review for Rick's proposal

8. Motion to Adjourn

Rebecca motioned and Rick seconded. 5:34 pm