

WV CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF April 5, 2022

1. Call to order @ 4:29pm
2. Roll Call – Irit Levy, Chair, John Recine (ex-officio), Jennie Lucas, Charles Hastings, Becca Hastings, Mark Decoteau, Town Manager, Steve Royer, Administrative Services Manager
3. Privilege of the floor – Charles raised the question of whether or not the Commission should be taking a position on HB1454 since it doesn't deal with an issue specific to Waterville Valley, and shouldn't this be something the Commission should vote on. Irit said due to time constraints, we did take a position and read the letter that was sent to the Senate committee. Mark explained that in the future, anything that the Commission is taking a position on needs to be voted on following "right to know" guidelines. In circumstances where timing does not allow for a meeting, such as this one, an email vote could be used, followed by an official ratification of the position when the Commission is able to meet next.
 - It was confirmed that all members received copies of the letter and that there were no replies voicing opposition. However, preferably, an effort should be made to convene a meeting for a vote. Our next meeting will have an agenda item to discuss and clarify what the Commission's duties and responsibilities should include.
4. Review minutes of last meeting
 - a. Item 4 – Irit asked Mark to confirm if the town assesses culverts or if they want our Commission to be regularly assessing culverts. He responded if we see any problems we should report them right away, but the town does have a process for issuing permits and plans are professionally engineered and sites are monitored regularly by town enforcement officers.
 - b. Rebecca motioned to approve the minutes; John seconded; they were approved unanimously.
5. Old Business –
 - a. Sign for Greenbelt parcel – Becca is looking at designs. Irit suggested she bring three options to look at. Mark said any sign will have to receive a permit from the Selectboard. He also suggested that we coordinate with the Town Core Working Group to keep in the same "family" of signs that the town is using for all of its signage going forward. Charles asked for a detailed map of the Greenbelt lot.
 - b. Master Plan – John reported that the process is huge and ongoing. Chapter 5 is devoted to Natural Resources and the Conservation Commission will be section 5.6. Jennie asked if any of the recommendations in the NRI were going to be incorporated in the Master Plan. John said yes. Mark said that we need to get Rick to update our NRI – ours is 5 years old. He said we should get a scope of work ballpark quote to put into the 2023 budget by the fall.
6. New Business
 - a. Irit handed out copies of the new Conservation Commission Observation Report. He stressed that they should be filed immediately, not days after the observation, and they should go to Steve Royer. Mark said there are several large upcoming projects that will require the Commission to sign off on.

- b. A motion was made by Becca to ratify the letter sent to the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee in support of HB1454; John seconded; it passed unanimously.
- 7. The date of the next meeting was set for May 10 @ 3pm. The early time is to enable Sharon to attend and handle the video equipment because Steve will be unable to attend.
- 8. Mark gave a brief overview of the wastewater treatment project.
- 9. Motion to adjourn; seconded; adjourned at 5:39pm