

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**JUNE 28, 2022**  
**3PM TOWN SQUARE MEETING ROOM**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm

Attendees: Irit Levy, Chair; John Recine, ex-officio; Jennie Lucas; Charles and Becca Hastings; Cyndy Piekos, alternate; Steve Royer, town administrator.

Rick Van de Poll presented his report on the Snow's Brook Mitigation Project site visit. He reviewed his multi-page document which highlights four areas of potential mitigation along Snow's Brook. Next steps: meet with Mark Decoteau to go over the potential measures. Nothing is set in stone, there are Forest Service approvals, grants, etc. that will come into play before anything could begin.

The minutes from the May 10, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously. The minutes from the June 2, 2022 workshop were approved unanimously, as amended.

The finalized version of a Land Acknowledgment statement was motioned for approval. Charles reviewed a WSJ editorial he happened upon regarding such statements and urged us not to get too zealously woke. The board agreed that keeping it simple and focusing on land stewardship is the right approach. The statement was approved unanimously. John will present it to the Planning Board at its meeting on July 14 for inclusion in chapter 7 of the Master Plan, although ultimately, it's up to the Planning Board to decide whether or not to include it, and if they do, where it should be placed. Other members of the ConComm are encouraged to attend the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> to show support.

The finalized design of the sign for the Greenbelt parcel was discussed. It (they) will be circular like the medallions hanging from the entrance sign. Design number 4 was approved unanimously. Emma, the design consultant, will add color.

The brochure for new homeowners – recommendations for planning native species was discussed, with focus on how to distribute it – maybe with tax bills? Some will be placed in the kiosk at the Town Offices where other brochures are displayed.

Irit asked Steve if he would extend an invitation for Dylan Tucker to join us at an upcoming meeting to go over plans for the wastewater treatment facility upgrade.

The date of our next meeting was set for Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 3pm

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31pm.