

Conservation Commission  
10 January 2008

Attending: Jenn Colby, Warren Davoll, Gus Howe Johnson, Bruce Cameron, Steve Springer, Klint Wigren.

Minutes

Minutes from 11 October 2007 meeting approved as presented JC moved, WD second.

Minutes from the 8 November meeting approved as read JC moved, WD second.

Treasurer's Report

Closing balance 30 November 2007 of the Randolph Conservation Fund is \$21,939.61. Apparently some bills have been paid as the balance is significantly lower than 30 September 2007. Discussion ensued as to how we can get records from the town office about bill payments so we can keep our records updated. We would like our expenses itemized and SS volunteered to ask for itemized reports. Treasurer's report accepted as presented pending presentation of itemized expense report. JC motioned, GHJ second the motion. Motion passed.

Guests

Jacquelin Carty was to be our guest regarding her project with the VT Law School. She is organizing a citizen planners conference on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 2008 and asked us to fill out a questionnaire regarding local needs assessment. Carty was not present however SS distributed her questionnaire to be filled out by those interested at the end of the meeting.

Donations

AH has not presented an end-2007 donor letter to date. SS will remind AH that we are still interested in a donor letter to send out to interested parties.

Community Outreach

SS has drafted a letter to send to various community organizations to invite them to link into the RCC. Suggestions were made as to groups or organizations to add to the distribution list. KW moved that RCC pursue the matter by sending out the letter to identified contacts and follow through with organizing community connections. JC seconded. Motion passed.

It was suggested the first program include Kate Forrer as guest speaker representing the Urban and Community Forestry coordinator for UVM Extension.

Village Tree Inventory Project Update

JC and BC have been entering tree inventory data into software programs for analysis. BC and Kate Forrer have been working on the inventory data to correct some of the details collected.

BC will "redo" about half the tree inventory in the community to ensure accurate details. After this information has been collected, data entry will be completed.

GHJ suggested we write up a thank you letter from the RCC to each schoolchild who participate, to be sent home to inform parents of the details of the project. JC suggested that when the study is done, we send a copy of the final report home with each child as well.

### Trail Grant

The Department of Forests & Parks is submitting a trail grant to do some work on The Rabbit Track to make it more accessible. This grant will cover two weeks worth of work for the Vermont Youth Conservation Corp.

### Review of Ongoing Projects

- \* WHIP grant and maintenance of Ellis property is ongoing
- \* Randolph Villages tree inventory
- \* Community Outreach and Connection project

### New RCC Chair

Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup> will be Steve Springer's last day as RCC chair. He is departing for the Pacific Northwest until May. Discussion ensued as to electing a co-chair. We will discuss this again on February 14.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

### Next Meeting

Next meeting of the RCC will be on **Thursday 14 February at 6pm** at Kimball Library.

Respectfully submitted, Gus Howe Johnson, RCC Secretary