



Randolph Conservation Commission

Minutes of February 4, 2025

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm February 4, 2025. We are recording.

Present: Rachel Westbrook, Jason Aldous, Ian Blackmer, Susan Poulin and Robert Raskevitz.

Absent: Tom Malanchuk, Chandler Engel, Brendan Barden and Ken Hafner.

Approval of January minutes: Minutes were reviewed and a motion to approve minutes was made by RCC Member Ian Blackmer and seconded by RCC Member Susan Poulin. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: None

Membership and March Meeting:

RCC Member Chandler Engel has asked if he should continue as a member of the RCC due to his absences for work? The RCC would like to keep RCC Member Chandler Engel due to his expertise. Emily is no longer here and RCC Member Tom Malanchuk is gone for several months, was an alternate. RCC Member Jason Aldous will make announcement on Front Porch Forum, etc. Seem to need a member plus. Will make announcement "looking for new members, etc." The RCC generally has 9 members and 5 is a quorum.

Outreach:

Six people attended the snowshoe event and there has been interest in a "next trek". It was a very cold day and the walk was a good "shakedown cruise." A very nicely done flyer was posted

in many places around town advertising the event. RCC Member Jason Aldous wondered how many snowshoes the library has available and RCC Member Susan Poulin will ask. The Gear House also has snowshoes for rent. RCC Member Susan Poulin is thinking of doing another snowshoe on Friday the 14th during the day. The Back Forty Trail at VTC is very gentle and might be good for Seniors. The edges of the Golf Course can also be used. RCC Member Susan Poulin has obtained permission. Maybe a snowshoe at Sayward toward the end of the month, but there is not much parking (not plowed)? Perhaps doing a second one at Ellis? Consider for next year as well. RCC Member Susan Poulin will investigate logistics.

Ellis-Management Plan and update:

RCC Chair Rachel Westbrook has not heard anything from RCC Member Brendan Barden on the Management Plan. The snowshoe was successful.

Sayward update:

None

Rabbit Track update:

RCC Chair Rachel Westbrook: We should have a meeting there when the weather is better.

Old business:

Christmas Trees: The flood of trees stopped once notice went out.

Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC): In the past we have had a person who was a contact with them. RCC Chair Rachel Westbrook will find out more regarding membership in the AVCC. They have "Tiny Grants" due April 4, 2025.

Open Meeting Law and Video: RCC Chair Rachel Westbrook has spoken to Town Manager Trevor M. Lashua re the new law and RCC Member Robert Raskevitz wondered about the video (See Front Porch Forum post from Secretary of State Sarah Copeland-Hanzas). RCC Chair Rachel Westbrook will send out the link to the video to members of the RCC. RCC Member Jason Aldous will also put this link on website.

Picnic Table: Once it thaws we will remove the old one.

New business:

None

Next Meeting: Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday March 4, 2025 at 6:00 pm, but that is voting day and the Town Offices are not available. Tuesday March 4, 2025 will be cancelled and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 1, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Adjourned at 6:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Raskevitz