



**Town of Stowe
Conservation Commission
Monday January 27, 2025
MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was held on Monday January 27, 2025, at 5:30 pm. The meeting was held in person at the Stowe Town Office with remote participation via zoom. Commission Members in attendance: Catherine Gott, Jacquie Mauer, Philp Branton, Kay Barrett, and Seb Sweatman. Staff in attendance: Sarah McShane. Student Representatives in attendance: Tanner Gregory, Mady Lawver, Victoria Lanpher, and Sophia Brasse. Others in attendance: None

Call to Order The meeting began at approximately 5:34 PM.

Public Comments & Adjustments to the Agenda. None

Review Meeting Minutes [01/13/2025] J.Mauer motioned to accept the prior meeting minutes as amended – correcting the spelling from Maddie to Mady Lawyer. P.Branton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

S.Sweatman inquired about the possibility of installing a sign on Mayo Farm regarding re-wilding. Staff suggested the Commission wait until after the Selectboard review to pursue and that installation would need to be coordinated with Parks & Rec Department. He also inquired about when the Sterling Forest Management Plan and Ag Lease would be heard by the Selectboard, in which staff responded February 12th.

Conservationist of the Year. Members discussed potential nominees. P.Branton previously suggested property owner Ron Stancliff as a potential nominee and noted he recently conserved Joes Pond and donated the land to UVM. Other suggestions included Molly Davis and the Gardner's. Members discussed and on a motion by P.Branton, unanimously agreed to recognize Ron Stancliff as Conservationist of the Year. S.McShane and P.Branton will work together to develop language for the plaque.

Stowe 2050- Town Plan Update. S.McShane provided a brief presentation on the Town Plan update process and opportunities for the Commission to be involved. S.McShane will work with Chair C.Gott to develop a plan for Commission's involvement. The two primary areas of interest were environmental quality and flood resiliency.

General Reports & Updates.

Other Business – S.McShane asked the Commission if they might be interested in partnering with the Waterbury Conservation Commission and Planning Commission to hosts a presentation on Shutesville Hill Wildlife Corridor with Jens Hilke. Members agreed June 9th would work for the group. S.McShane will coordinate next steps. C.Gott reported that she'd like to reserve time during the next meeting to talk about student projects.

Other Business.

- Correspondence – None

Next Meeting Date- 02/10/2025. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:04 pm. P.Branton cannot attend the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah McShane- Planning & Zoning Director