



**Town of Stowe
Conservation Commission
Monday September 23, 2024
MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was held on Monday September 23, 2024, at 5:30 pm. The meeting was held in the Memorial Room of the Stowe Town Office with remote participation via zoom. Members in Attendance: Jacquie Mauer, Phillip Branton, Kay Barrett, Evan Freund, Seb Sweatman, Catherine Gott. Staff in Attendance: Sarah McShane. Others in Attendance: None.

Call to Order- J.Mauer called the meeting to order around 5:30 PM.

Public Comments & Adjustments to the Agenda – No public comments. No adjustments to the agenda.

Review Meeting Minutes [09/09/2024] On a motion by P.Branton, seconded by J.Mauer, the minutes of the prior meeting passed without opposition.

Develop Monthly Calendar for Educational Activities & Topics. Members continued their discussion regarding building a library of educational materials that could be used throughout the year to educate the public on a variety of natural resources and conservation topics. J.Mauer will post information regarding Leave the Leaves. C.Gott will prepare information regarding black bears. Members also suggested knotweed, green up day, biodiversity, energy, rewilding, etc. as topics that might be of interest to the public.

Sterling Forest Management Plan – Continued Discussion & Development of Recommended Amendments. Members continued their discussion on preparing amendments to the Sterling Forest Management Plan. Members discussed trail maintenance responsibilities and signage improvements. S.Sweatman suggested adding the prior timber harvest plans as an appendix. Members discussed possible trail expansions and when they should be considered. S.Sweatman inquired about revenue generated from Phase 3 timber harvest. Members reviewed the most recent version of the amendments and made suggested edits to be incorporated by staff.

Discuss- Solicit Student Representative for Upcoming School Year. J.Mauer and E.Freund plan on meeting with Roger Murphy from Stowe High School in hopes of finding an interested student representative.

Other Business

J.Mauer reminded members there were a few trees on Mayo Farm that could use wire wrapping replacement/loosening.

Next Meeting Date- 10/28/2024. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah McShane- Planning & Zoning Director