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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING (unapproved draft)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building (PSB) conference room. In attendance: Charlie Hancock, Sue Wilson, Joan Hildreth, Todd Lantery. Absent: Misty McCartney. Visitor: Marion Lantery.

- Additions/Deletions to Agenda - None
- Minutes from October 5, 2016 reviewed. Sue made a motion to approve the October minutes as written, Charlie seconded, the motion passed. October minutes approved.
- Treasurer's Report/Fundraising Update: Sue reported that, to date, we have received \$2,255.00 in membership from 37 people. There will be a further update to the Treasurer's Report at the December meeting.
- Planned Events`/Fundraisers:
 - o **"Animals of the North"** with Sue Morse. **Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the Montgomery Center for the Arts, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** MCC will co-sponsor this with Cold Hollow to Canada (CHC), and the total cost will be split 50/50 with CHC.
- Water Quality Monitoring – Trout River – River Walk Park – Charlie got in touch with Lindsey Wight, Coordinator of Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA), to offer our assistance with this, and MRBA is receptive to working with the MCC/town. There will be further discussion/planning in the spring.
- Municipal Planning Grant: Charlie reported that the grant application has been submitted. If awarded, it would allow us to complete the Natural Resources Inventory. Awards are expected to be made in early December of this year. The total project cost would be \$18,986. The grant application is for \$15,250. If awarded, this means that we would have to match \$3,736. If we are awarded the grant, we would need to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) relatively soon.
- Proposed/Events:
 - o **Bats with Alyssa Bennett from VT Fish & Wildlife sometime in the spring of 2017 (March or April?) at the Montgomery Elementary School.** Joan reported that the bat presentation in October in Richford was very informative and well attended. Everyone liked the idea of having a similar presentation at the school for the students (and other interested community members), and of providing the school with a bat house. Joan will discuss with Annette Goyne from RCC and Alyssa Bennett.

- **Stream Demonstration Table/ Watershed Model Table** for students at the school. Todd raised this as a possible event at the school for next year and everyone liked the idea. This will be explored.
- Other Business:
 - **Budget:** We will need to discuss the budget for 2017 at the next meeting.

Motion made by Sue to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Todd seconded, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Hildreth