

Granville Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

(unapproved)

September 26, 2017

9:30 am Call to order. Present: Megan Bender, Jim Dague, Jamie Dague and Roger Stauss

Public Communication and Comments: No public present

Old Business:

- Update on Granville Commons and Freeman's launch:
As the project nears completion for this stage, volunteer help is essential in the Park's continued upkeep and growth. Volunteerism builds community.
- Committee reports: Maintenance; No report. Finance; There is \$3200 in the Commission's town account. Inventory; Roger began an inventory list of Granville's natural resources in Google docs. Jim suggested that volunteers could participate in logging flora and fauna town wide.
- Vision 2020 report tabled to next meeting.

New Business:

- Elect a new Secretary: Roger Stauss was nominated and all were in favor.
- Review bylaws: Tabled to next meeting
- Plan to eradicate/control invasives: Jim reported that mowing at regular intervals before seeding occurs, pulling and mulching has been helping. Jim will pull more plants in the spring and assess the effectiveness of the fabric around the apple trees in smothering Chervil. Jim also noted that Japanese beetles are eating the Japanese knotweed.
- Old rubbish from the demolition is removed when found by volunteers.
- The commission would like to invite adjoining land owners to participate in present and future plans for the buyout sites.
- Seek assistance from outside resources: Roger will investigate joining the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions.
- New Volunteers: Roger will call Greg Hagerman, Jim will call Jim Parrish and Megan will talk to Mark Belisle.

Items for next meeting:

- Review and update Vision 20-20
- Review and update bylaws
- Review draft document for Town Report, Roger will begin
- Budget and Funds review: Maintenance/improvement fund for Granville Commons and Freeman's launch. Discuss matching and small grants for improving Granville's ecological inventory.

Next Meeting:

December 12th, 2017 at the Town Clerk's office. Time TBD.

Adjourn: 10:20am

Respectfully submitted:
Roger Stauss, Secretary