

Topsham Conservation Commission (TCC)

Meeting Minutes Approved 02/05/24

Monday Jan 8, 2024 at 5:30 pm at the Topsham Town Office. Meetings open to all.

Attendees: Audie Arbo, Angela Brewer, Shana Stewart Deeds, Chris Dwinal, Julie Erdman (Planning Director) and Victor Langelo

I. Introductions

The meeting began with introductions. Chris Dwinal is a previous Conservation Committee member and currently is seeking a spot on the Conservation Commission. Chris works for Wright-Pierce and was originally interested in the Tree Committee that was absorbed into the TCC.

II. Approve Dec 4 2023 minutes

Motion was made by Victor to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Audie. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

III. Workshop on planned activities in 2024

The Topsham Conservation Commission (TCC) discussed priorities for the upcoming year. Shana will create a prioritized document to be reviewed at the next meeting.

IV. Updates

A. MEACC Board plans for 2024

MEACC will focus on presenting/education and outreach. Victor will keep us updated on upcoming events.

V. Items for upcoming meetings – meetings are the first Monday at 5:30 unless otherwise noted. Next meeting will be 2/5/24.

- 1) Don't forget to check the action items list and mark items as 'done' when completed.
- 2) Head of Tide and Rogers Property monitoring - coordinate with BTLT.
- 3) Site walk of Town Forest.
- 4) Work with BTLT to identify potential Vernal Pools where the SAMP could be used.
- 5) Go on a Stewardship walk with BTLT.
- 6) 2024 planning and review of action items. This should include the annual report to the Select Board.
- 7) Joint meeting with Brunswick Tree Committee
- 8) Potential meeting with Brunswick Climate Action Plan Committee
- 9) Budget update & 2024 Budget and Annual Report
- 10) Angela Twitchell is the TCC liaison on CPIC. Their current initiative is ReCODE, likely two more years for this initiative.

Victor made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Shana. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.