

Topsham Conservation Commission (TCC)

Meeting Minutes **Approved 05-06-24**

Wednesday April 10, 2024 at 4:30 pm

Topsham Town Office then to the Topsham Town Forest. Meetings open to all.

Attendees: Audie Arbo, Angela Brewer, Shana Stewart Deeds, Chris Dwinal, Julie Erdman (Planning Director), Jeanette MacNeille, Victor Langelo and Skye Siladi (Asst. Planning Director).

I. Approve March 4, 2024 minutes.

Chris made a motion to approve the minutes as written that was seconded by Victor. Minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Discussion of pedestrian facilities in Eagle River subdivision phase 3.

Joe Marden (Sidelines Engineer) and Aaron St. Pierre (Land Owner) joined us for a discussion of pedestrian facilities in Eagle River subdivision phase 3. The Planning Board wanted the Conservation Commission to weigh in on pedestrian facilities based on community input. The subdivision is now in SLODA (Site Law), which will take some time. We appreciated the opportunity to discuss the pedestrian facilities in the Eagle River subdivision. The two foot gravel shoulders for all minor roads were discussed as potentially insufficient for biking/walking safely. The Engineer was going to look into the cost of adding an additional two feet of gravel on one side of the minor roads to allow for a four foot gravel shoulder. We also discussed potential connectivity to other pedestrian trails, including the CMP corridor.

III. Depart at 5:15 pm for monitoring visit to “Town Forest” property off West Merrill Rd.

TCC postponed this walk until the May meeting due to weather. Victor, Audie and Shana will try to go look for eggs before that. Victor will send a letter to Scott Merrill asking for permission to access the “Town Forest” from his property.

IV. Items for upcoming meetings – meetings are the first Monday at 5:30 unless otherwise noted

- A. Don't forget to check the action items list and mark items as 'done' when completed
- B. Head of Tide and Rogers Property monitoring - coordinate with BTLT - Fall
- C. Work with BTLT to identify potential Vernal Pools where the SAMP could be used
- D. Joint meeting with Brunswick Tree Committee
- E. Potential meeting with Brunswick Climate Action Plan Committee

Chris made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Victor. Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm.