

ECC Minutes, 09-22-14

Present: Sarah Downes, Nancy Patch, Dennis Williams, Cynthia Scott, Dan Cunningham, and Ben Maddox.

Absent: Wendy Scott and Kurtis Rogers.

The meeting was called to order by Chair S. Downes at 7:03 pm. Minutes for the previous meeting (August 2014) were not read as all present had previously received a copy. Nancy moved to approve the minutes, Dennis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The financial report was presented by Cynthia; total assets remaining as of 30 June, 2014 are \$4736.72. Dennis moved to accept the report, Nancy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Copies of the Enosburgh Conservation Commission Bylaws (adopted 14 May, 2002 and amended 18 August, 2003) were passed out by Sarah for discussion. The following items were discussed:

1. Section III MEMBERSHIP (a) ----The last sentence will be changed from *This position will be filled by a student at the Enosburg Falls High School each year.* To *This position may be filled by a student at the Enosburg Falls High School each year.*
2. Section VI MEETINGS (a) Delete the sentence--- *The Annual meeting will be the first meeting in May.*
3. Section VI MEETINGS (c) ---The first sentence will be changed from *A quorum shall consist of the presence of five members.* To *A quorum shall consist of the presence of a majority of the current members.*
4. Section VI MEETINGS (a) The first sentence will be changed from *Commission meetings shall be open to the public, and be held at 7 – 9 P.M. on the third Monday of each month ...* to *Commission meetings shall be open to the public, and be held at 7 – 9 P.M. on the fourth Monday of each month ...*

Nancy moved to accept the proposed amendments, Maggie seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Chair S. Downes will send a letter to the Select Board with the proposed amendments and they will take effect at the next business meeting on 27 October, 2014.

The next item of business was to elect a vice-Chair to fill the vacancy after Dennis resigned. As Ben Maddox had been nominated for the position at the August meeting, it was moved and seconded to elect Ben as vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

After much discussion on the Town Forest sign(s), it was decided that Ben would obtain the necessary permits from the Town Zoning Administrator.

Nancy provided an update on the Town Forest. She will be attending the next meeting of the Select Board on 06 October, 2014 to update them and present new information from the Forest Stewardship Center. In 2015 the Enosburg Town Forest Management Plan will be updated and will include a trail plan.

Sarah mentioned the School Board decided not to remove the Norway maple, an issue that had been raised during the August 2014 ECC meeting.

Nancy moved to develop an Asset Map for the Town and Cynthia seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and all members will create a list of assets to bring to the October 2014 meeting.

Nancy discussed the possibility of arranging for a Sue Morse public presentation in December 2014. Dennis moved to pursue the presentation for December for a fee not to exceed \$600. Ben seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Nancy also discussed that Richford and Montgomery had combined forces to bring a Naturalist to Montgomery in October 2014. Cold Hollow To Canada (CHC) is assisting in sponsoring this event. Nancy moved to contribute \$150 to this effort, Dennis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The following meeting plan was discussed:

November 2014	working asset map meeting (goal to complete by Town Mtg)
December 2014	Sue Morse presentation
January 2015	regular business meeting
February 2015	snowshoe potluck
March 2015	Invasive species presentation by Nancy
April 2015	Town Forest Walk and regular business meeting

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Nancy moved to adjourn and Cynthia seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Cunningham, Secretary

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