

ECC Minutes, 04-18-17

Present: Sarah Downes, Ben Maddox, Cynthia Scott, Dan Cunningham, Wendy Scott.

Absent: Dennis Williams and Kurtis Rogers.

The meeting was called to order by Chair S. Downes at 8:25 pm.

Ben provided an update on the metamorphosed pillow lava rock, currently owned by Darryl Robtoy. Village manager John Elwell indicated in correspondence received on 18 April, 2017, that he will go see the rock.

The Bird Walk on 21 May, 2017, was discussed and it was noted there was a limit of 12 participants. It was also mentioned that Bridget Butler would be leading a Bird Walk on the same date for the Richford & Montgomery Conservation Commissions. This led to discussion about sharing our event calendar with surrounding towns' Conservation Commissions.

Sarah mentioned the 'Friends of Northern Lake Champlain' contacted her and explained they had received a grant to assist in educating farmers about the State's new water quality law and the associated 'required agricultural practices' (RAPs). They inquired if the ECC would be able to reach out to farmers in the area in order to hold an informational meeting with them. It was decided not to pursue this project.

Ben mentioned that a member of 'Rise Up VT' spoke with him about working with the ECC to assist in grant writing for the Town Forest. This would not be for the current year, but for future years.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Sarah moved to adjourn and Dan seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Cunningham, Secretary