

ECC Minutes, 11-28-16

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

Absent: Ben Maddox, Dennis Williams and Kurtis Rogers..

The meeting was called to order by Chair S. Downes at 7:08 pm.

The Secretary read the minutes from the 22 August, 2016 meeting and Wendy moved to accept the minutes, Cynthia seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer presented the financial report for the period 01 January - 30 June 2016. Total assets are \$3357.85. Dan moved to accept the report, Wendy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Cynthia mentioned she received input on the proposed bylaw change; recommendation was to change 'Vermont Land Trust' to incorporate other conservation organizations. Wendy moved to amend the bylaw change, Cynthia seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The bylaw change will now read:

"To amend the Enosburg Conservation Commission's bylaws allowing the Conservation Commission to recommend funds be utilized to assist Enosburg property owners with the cost of stewardship when donating their property for conservation in a Land Trust, up to one third of those costs with a maximum cap of \$4500.00, retroactive to 01 March, 2016."

Election of officers. Dan moved to cast one ballot for the following slate of officers:

Chair: Sarah Downes

Vice- Chair: Wendy Scott

Secretary: Dan Cunningham

Treasurer: Cynthia Scott

The motion passed unanimously.

Sarah mentioned that our June, 2017 meeting we would mark the Town Forest trails; Dennis has the remaining boundary markers.

Discussion ensued on an idea for a wildlife photo contest.

Cynthia mentioned the Wild and Scenic Committee would meet on Saturday, 11 February, 2017 from 1:30 - 3:30. She proposed that the ECC partner with W&S at the Brownway. Wendy moved to accept the proposal, Dan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Following plan for 2017 was discussed:

Jan: business meeting

Feb: snowshoe outing

Mar: Carl Powden - Land Trust Presentation

Apr: refuge presentation

May: bird outing on a Sunday

Jun: forest trail marking

Jul: no meeting

Aug: Island View clean-up/business mtg

Sep: owl presentation

Oct: business meeting

Nov: movie night

Dec: no meeting

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Dan moved to adjourn and Cynthia seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Cunningham, Secretary