

**TOWN OF GREENSBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (GCC)**

**Meeting at Greensboro Town Offices,
Monday, November 17, 2014, 11:00 a.m.**

Minutes

Present: Erika Karp (chair), Clive Gray (clerk), Linda Shatney, David Kelley

Materials from AVCC summit meeting

Clive circulated materials distributed at the annual meeting of the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions, held in Montpelier on November 1. He attended the workshop on the Vermont Center for Geographic information (VCGI). The presenter spoke about layers of data on town maps. Our tax map of several years ago is available on Greensboro's map, although Clive has not been able to print it out.

Greensboro Conservation Fund (GCF)

Uses of the GCF and the GCC's role were discussed. Thus far GCF funds have been used for two conservation easements of the Vermont Land Trust that included acreage in Greensboro, the Lowell Urie farm and the Black Hills. The GCC's role is to recommend uses to the Selectboard. Only the Selectboard can actually approve expenditures.

Clive moved, and Dave seconded, that we request the usual annual allotment of \$2,000 for the GCF to be included in the list of appropriations for approval by 2015 Town Meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Natural Resource Booklet

Naturalist Susan Sawyer of Woodbury is on contract with the Northern Rivers Land Trust to prepare the booklet, which will cover the eight towns of the NRLT. Ms. Sawyer has visited and photographed nature sites in most of the towns, including Greensboro. She has been delayed by a health issue, but is now back up to speed.

The Selectboard has approved a \$610 GCF contribution to the project, which will be transferred to the NRLT.

GCC annual report

Clive agreed to draft the 2014 annual report for Erika's approval. Members were pleased that Kristen had been able to insert photos of the Black Hills into the 2013 annual report.

GCC membership

Clive noted that the GCC now has only five members, Tim Short having left town, as against a maximum of nine under VS24.118, Conservation Commissions. He

urged that we attract additional members. Other members questioned whether the GCC's volume of business justified taking up the time of additional residents.

Next meeting

It was agreed that the GCC would meet once a pending conservation project is ready for execution, and we can discuss whether a GCF appropriation is warranted.

Respectfully submitted
Clive Gray, 11-17-14