

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

**Meeting at Collier Room, Greensboro Town Offices,
Monday, December 2, 2013, 6:00 p.m.**

Minutes

Present: Erika Karp (chair), Clive Gray (clerk), Kristen Leahy, Linda Shatney
Absent: Tim Short
Observer: David Kelley

Materials from AVCC summit meeting

Erika circulated materials distributed at the annual meeting of the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions, held in Bradford on October 5.

Proposed new member

Having recently moved to Greensboro, David Kelley expressed interest in joining the Commission (GCC). The Commission voted unanimously to ask the Selectboard to appoint David at their upcoming meeting on December 11. David agreed to send a résumé to the clerk to be forwarded to the Selectboard with the Commission's recommendation.

Natural Resource Booklet

Clive reported that the Northern Rivers Land Trust (NRLT) has signed a contract with Susan Sawyer of Woodbury to prepare the booklet, which will cover the eight towns of the NRLT. Ms. Sawyer is proceeding with her research. The Greensboro Selectboard has approved a grant of \$500 from the Greensboro Conservation Fund on our recommendation. The NRLT has appropriated \$3,000 for the project, the Green Mountain Fund of the Vermont Community Foundation granted \$4,000, the Greensboro Land Trust has appropriated \$500, and the Craftsbury Conservation Commission \$100, making for a total of \$8,100.

Erika noted that invasive plant species (specifically buckthorn) have appeared in our area, and suggested that this topic should be covered in the booklet. Clive agreed to forward our recommendation to Ms. Sawyer.

Possible summer meeting on invasives

Erika raised the possibility of a summer meeting to acquaint the community with the problem of invasives. A UVM person at the AVCC meeting had indicated she was available to talk about it. The occasion might be the GLT annual meeting in July. Clive suggested that, even if the GLT decides the topic of invasives would not attract its usual audience, the GCC could hold a separate meeting with a smaller audience. He agreed to raise the matter at the GLT's next board meeting on January 18.

GCC annual report

Erika referred to the annual report to the town drafted by Clive. She said she had found it acceptable, and asked Kristen whether the attached photo of the Black Hills could be included. Kristen thought this was possible, and asked Clive to email it to her. (He did so after the meeting.)

Planning Commission proposed changes in zoning by-law

Kristen explained the changes in regulations for the shoreland buffer that the Planning Commission was about to submit to a public hearing (which took place immediately following the GCC meeting.)

Next meeting

It was agreed that the GCC would meet after the GLT's January board meeting, the time to be determined.

Respectfully submitted
Clive Gray, 12-3-13