



**Underhill Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2024
In Person @ Town Hall & Virtual GoToMeeting**

Present: Karen McKnight, Betsy Chapek, Trinity Schroeter, Patrick Lamphere, Laurie Graham

Guests: Penny Miller

6:30pm Welcome

- Karen McKnight welcomes all and leads the in-person and virtual meeting.

6:32pm Public Comment: No discussion.

6:33 pm UCC Strategic Plan & Brainstorming Session

- Laurie presents the UCC Strategic Plan Brainstorming document. It lists items the UCC is already committed to, brainstorming of new/future ideas, and a list of what the UCC is to do from the Town Plan. Group goes through the list item by item. For homework, the UCC will read the list of UCC duties from the Town Plan and make sure they are aligned with an activity item from the brainstorm. Discussion highlights: Penny Miller received a message from the Jericho Conservation Commission looking to collaborate, group elaborates on educational ideas and community outreach plans and that Arrowwood's mapping inventory is in Phase 2 expected completion by May. In total, the group came up with and reviewed 27 project ideas. Laurie will reach out to Jens Hilke about the next step, voting on new ideas, and Laurie will create a Google Form survey to complete before the next meeting. The UCC members will also review the Town Plan's listed Conservation Commission tasks to make sure there is alignment.

7:42 pm Town Meeting Planning

- Karen provided the write up about the Conservation Commission's activities for the year for the Town Plan. Penny asks about the budget and found that a sturdy wind-proof sandwich board with spots for posters and information could cost around \$150; Karen confirms that we can purchase with UCC budget. Group discusses the lending library of tools and adds this to the UCC Brainstorming list.

7:48 pm Approval of Minutes

- Betsy moves to approve the November 13, 2023 minutes of the UCC. Trinity seconds. No discussion. Minutes are approved by a vote of 5-0.

7:54 pm Adjournment

- Betsy moves to adjourn the meeting. Laurie seconds. Meeting is adjourned by a vote of 5-0.

Minutes submitted by Laurie Graham.