

Town of Underhill Natural Resource Inventory and Mapping Committee Meeting Minutes for January 30, 2024

Attending: Sandy Wilmot, Karen McKnight, Penny Miller, Ryan Ochs

Public: Jeff Parsons – Arrowood Environmental

6:37pm Sandy called the meeting to order.

1. 6:37pm Jeff Parsons joined us to discuss the upcoming wildlife field surveys. Jeff discussed the parameters of how he chose the parcels that he would be interested in visiting. Noting the relative north to south layout of the town, Jeff would like to identify the east to west wildlife movement corridors. He has a particular interest in edge habitat and sections of blocky ledge where less common wildlife can be found (bobcat, fisher, bear). Unmapped deer yards will also be an area of focus. In addition to parcel visits, Jeff will be conducting a few days of road surveys to help identify crossing corridors based on tracks he sees. We discussed additional parcels he would be interested in visiting and the committee will be reaching out to those potential willing landowners.
2. 7:15pm Jeff logged out of the meeting and the committee discussed slight amendments to the contract to use GIS analysis to better identify crossing and habitat data. Discussion also involved future steps to present the report to the public and how the report may be used to for Planning Commission and Conservation Commission work in the future.
3. 7:45 Additional review of forest stand, wetland, and natural community maps and how those may relate to zoning districts. Ryan will work on new maps that integrate the Arrowood data with zoning districts.
4. 8:30pm The meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the NRICM will be as needed and posted to the town website.