

**MINUTES**  
**Underhill Conservation Commission**  
**March 12, 2018**  
**Underhill Town Hall**

Present: Karen McKnight, Daphne Tanis, Nancy McRae, Amy Golodetz, Peter Hiskes, Laurie Graham, Pat Lamphere and Rita St. Germain, Betsy Chapec

Absent: Dan Steinbauer

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Karen welcomed all and introduced evening's guest, Rita St. Germain, former member of the Conservation Commission, active during the creation of the Crane Brook Conservation District.

Public Comment: No person(s) were present for public comment.

Approval Minutes: February 2018 minutes not presented for approval at this time.

***Discussion:***

**UCC Organization – Reappointments**

Nancy , Betsy and Peter will request reappointment of UCC before Select Board. Reappointed members to send emails to Brian Bigelow. Karen to follow up with email.

**Town Meeting Debrief**

UCC Members were engaged in short discussion about meeting and how to proceed with Town Plan activity based on information gathered from meeting.

**Invasive Species Education and Workshop Planning**

Ethan Tapper, Vermont State Forester, has offered to do both a workshop/public event and a walkthrough. Proposed dates; May 3 or May 10. Concern regarding timing of when plants are presenting. Desire to combine both events to one day?

Knot Weed Field work would require \$200 black plastic.

Ethan suggested Walkthrough should take place end of June to beginning of July.

## **Crane Brook Land Management Plan**

“Our Job is to advocate for the Conservation District”

Suggestions and discussion points for input:

- Include Ethan Tappers assessment in appendix
- Intended to be a sanctuary
- Wildflowers planted
- Educational
- Have dogs on leash during fledgling season.
- No motorized vehicles
- Boulders at road by town garage
- Viewing benches at top of hill near Irish Settlement entrance
- Kiosk with rules /recommendations for use
- Change/develop trail entrance by New Road
- Honor past studies of animal corridors
- Recreation – Skiing, biking, horse-back riding, snow shoeing, hiking

## **Solar Proposal Strategy**

Our job is to advocate for the Crane Brook Conservation District.

## **Fire Department Proposal Strategy**

Amy suggested we table the discussion, as Town is looking at other proposed locations.

## **Up Coming Underhill Conservation Commission Events:**

March 26 – Warned UCC working session/meeting at Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

May 3 or May 10 (proposed) – General Public event with Ethan Tapper – Invasive Species

May 5 - Green-Up Day

Adjournment: The meeting was officially adjourned at 8: 18 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 9, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Underhill Town Hall

Respectfully submitted, Daphne Tanis, 03-13-18 final