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Minutes

Underhill Conservation Commission

March 13, 2017

Underhill Town Hall

Present: Karen McKnight, Betsy Chapek, Nancy McRae, Laurie Graham, Amy Golodetz, Dan Steinbauer

Absent: Pat Lamphere, Peter Hiskes, Daphne Tanis

Public comment: No one was present for public comment

Approval of February Minutes: deferred

Discussion:

Organizational: The members present reviewed and discussed Town Of Underhill conflict of interest policy and signed forms for 2017; By motions MUC, appointed Karen chair, Amy vice-chair, Daphne secretary-treasurer (pending acceptance).

Town Meeting Debrief: info table set-up and staffed by Dan and Nancy, had some sign-ups for invasive species newsletter; Dan spoke very effectively and informatively to Town Meeting about Emerald Ash Borer.

Jericho Tree warden, Don Tobi, now appointed as Underhill Tree Warden (as of 3/13). He can partner with Conservation Commission's EAB / ash inventory project and road crew for removal of designated trees.

Spring Workshop Planning Updates:

Living with Bears with Forrest Hammond April 20 6:30 – 8:00: posters in progress, Town Hall reserved

Bird Friendly Maple: May 25 6:30-8:00, Town Hall reserved; Amy will request mileage reimbursement for Steve Hagenbuch.

Bobolink / Haying guidelines: get info out to community on Front Porch Forum Amy

Subdivision updates:

Chamberlin: has a Class 3 wetland, a warned Planning Commission site visit coming up

Tomasi: preliminary review for a two-lot subdivision, house site is in prime ag; DRB asks UCC to study the issue and make recommendations. At least 6 weeks out.

Burroughs: Mountain Road; prime ag, not hayed, but brush-hogged. 5 acre subdivision, but original parcel is only 9 acres. Setback requirements involve class 1 stream 100 feet and road and property lines. Right behind the big rock on Beartown.

Prime Agricultural land: Karen will connect with CCRPC prime ag person to educate us, DRB and Planning Commission. Explore joint meeting times.

Roadside work scheduling vis a vis nesting birds: Betsy spoke with Nate Sullivan. Contracts start early July paving first, then dirt roads early August, budget-driven timeline. How does roadside mowing and ditching schedule impact nesting birds? Amy will get bird-safe dates from Audubon biologists.

Adjournment: at 7:54

Next Meeting: Monday, April 10 2017 6:30 Underhill Town Hall

Respectfully submitted, Amy Golodetz 3-16-17 **draft**