

Town of Williston Conservation Commission (WCC)
Minutes of August 6, 2014

Members Present:	Marie-Claude Beaudette, Jude Hersey, Mike Harris, Jean Kissner, Carl Runge, Gary Hawley, Eric Howe
Members Absent:	none
Staff Present:	Jessica Demar, Nick Clemens, Thomas Nieuwenhuis
Others Present:	none

1. Call to Order: 7:12

2. Approval of Minutes

Eric MOVED to approve the minutes of the July 16th WCC meeting as drafted by Thomas. Jude SECONDED the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. WCC Staff Work Plan Review FY15-FY16

Jessica asked members of the WCC to advise interns with their tasks over the next several weeks. Jessica, Thomas, Jean, Jude, and Marie-Claude agreed to meet August 9 to walk the new Mud Pond Trail links so they can show the future Environmental Planner.

4. Stream Geomorphic Assessment Data Review

Thomas presented the WCC with data sheets for several of the stream geomorphic assessment sites along Allen Brook. The WCC suggested consulting with Evan from Fitzgerald Associates to get his explanation on what could be causing trends in the channel's migration. Eric suggested uploading the data to the state SGA database.

5. Emerald Ash Borer Preparedness Plan Review

Nick updated the WCC on his progress with the EAB plan. Gary suggested adding an introductory sentence to the EAB memo. The WCC looked over and discussed Bruce's notes and comments on the last EAB draft and made their own amendments. The WCC further discussed what to do once the EAB is present in Williston. Gary recommended talking with Mike Snyder, the commissioner of the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks, & Recreation. Gary then suggested initiating the preparedness plan once the EAB is found within 50 miles of Williston. The WCC suggested sending someone to the tree nursery conference.

6. Staff Report

a. New Items

- i. Trail Blazing/Easement Update (Chatham, Wildflower, Senna, Barland, Burnett) – no progress**

b. Follow-up Items

- i. State Wide Tree Nursery – no progress**
- ii. Siple Farm Dump Site – no progress**
- iii. Update the proposed trails map – no progress**

iv. Invasive Species Program Initiation – no progress

6. Other Business

- a.** Eric informed the WCC that the Town has offered the Stormwater position to a candidate.
- b.** Carl got the WCC up to speed with the WCC and ERF budget and other financial business.

7. Adjournment: 9:12

Minutes Submitted by Thomas Nieuwenhuis: 8/14/14

Approved by WCC: 8/20/14