

WEATHERSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 27, 2020

ATTENDING: Howard Beach, Roy Burton, Ellen Clattenburg, Cheryl Cox, Tyler Harwell, Jeff Pelton, Heather Shand, and Tina Wood
Guests: Kelly Stetner and Ryan Gumbart

Meeting called to order at 7:00

Minutes from November 21, 2019 were accepted as read, moved by Ellen and seconded by Jeff.

KELLY STETNER: Ms. Stetner, representing BRAT (Black River Action Team), came to speak to us about the organization and what they are doing. Their mission is to connect people to the Black River and encourage citizen awareness and participation in projects involving the Black river and its tributaries. Volunteers monitor the water quality at 20 sites. BRAT also sponsors an annual river cleanup among many other projects. Their planned events include:

March 5- Clean Water Cafe at the Trout River Brewery, 5:30 to 7:00. This will be an informal meeting with the Ct. River Basin Conservancy about the Black River and its tributaries. Free with cash bar

March 21- A Bug Hunt and Open House at the Sfld. High School, 9-1. This will be a chance to identify bugs from the river and a slide show. Free.

May date TBA- Dragonfly Detectives program to identify dragonflies and a kickoff for studying water quality monitoring water quality.

TREASURER REPORT: Roy reported that we received \$17:00 in donations from the talk on 'Ash Trees and the EAB insect' in January which was well attended. Ellen made the motion that we reimburse Jeff for his expenses and Cheryl seconded. It passed.

TOWN MEETING DISPLAY: Jeff is going to put up a display at the town meeting that shows what the Con. Com. is doing concentrating on 3 projects: the Ash tree and Emerald Ash Borer; the Town Forest trails and access; and identifying and naming waterways in town.

WATERWAYS PROJECT: We are working with the Historical Society Committee (Ginger Wimberg and Willis Wood) on identifying and naming the unnamed waterways in town, as well as those with multiple names and those with historic names no longer in use. We will also identify the water sources as well as the drainage basin that supplies them.

TOWN FOREST: We are planning another work day with STAB (Sport Trails in Ascutney Basin) led by Jeff and Jim Lyall to work on the Trails. This will be on the 16th or 23rd of May. Also of interest is the possibility of the ATA (Ascutney Trail Assoc.) disbanding and joining with STAB.

UPCOMING EVENTS: There will be a gathering of Conservation Commissions in Lebanon NH sponsored by UVLT (Upper Valley Land Trust) and a talk on 'Lidar' given by Emily Bryant. Jeff and Tina plan to attend.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00.

Next meeting will be March 26 location TBA

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Wood, Sec.