



Waterbury Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes

October 12, 2021

In person

Commission attendees: Allan Thompson, Billy Vigdor, Steve Hagenbuch, Tracy Sweeney, Kelsey Applegate, Joan Beard

Commissioner Absence: Krista Battles, Linda Gilpin

Public: none

- Meeting convened 6:30 pm
- Review, prioritize and modify agenda
 - Tracey proposed to discuss requesting University of Vermont (UVM) expertise to inform the WCC and Development Review Board (DRB) regarding an inventory or accounting of natural resources along the Worcester Mountain Range in Waterbury.
- Review and approve prior meeting minutes
 - Deferred to next meeting
- General discussion about UVM contacts for expertise
 - The WCC discussed that scientific expertise could guide the WCC's approach at future DRB meetings and help advocate for land conservation.
 - UVM may be able to provide expertise through student programs such as the Natural Resources 206 (NR 206) class, where students could conduct wildlife or tree surveys or study other impacts of human development.
 - The WCC will research the process of requesting expertise from UVM, and will narrow down the exact questions to be studied at a future meeting.
- Goals and capacities discussion
 - Billy introduced a discussion on the roles and capacities of the WCC and the direction of future projects
 - The WCC brainstormed new ideas such as formatting some meetings as working sessions with breakout groups, repeating a strategy planning session conducted about six years ago, or encouraging individual members to take on a personal project



- At the next meeting Tracey will facilitate a planning session. Members will brainstorm a project or issue, pitch it to the group, and the WCC will select projects or issues to prioritize

- Public Comments
 - None

- Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kelsey Applegate October 26, 2021