

Town of Waitsfield Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2023

6:30 PM Via Zoom

Members Present: Grimaldi, Joslin, Loomis, Cook, Laferriere, Donaldson, Telep

Members Absent: Huffman, Lindberg

Laferriere opens the meeting at 6:55 PM

1. Welcome and review agenda – no suggested changes
2. No public in attendance – no public input
3. Review and approve minutes:

January minutes - MOTION TO APPROVE by Grimaldi as amended, SECONDED by Donaldson. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

February minutes - MOTION TO APPROVE by Grimaldi, SECONDED by Loomis. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Tri-Town Conservation Commissions Meeting Date - Led by Grimaldi

April 6th is the Tri-Town Conservation Meeting - George Schenk will host. Starts at 5:30 to 8 with Flatbread dinner. Reviewed Tri-Town meeting agenda - no changes suggested. First meeting only with Conservation Commissions. The next meeting will invite additional MRV organizations.

5. 2023 Stewardship Plans for Scrag and Wu Ledges – A Path Forward – Led by All

Defer WCC 2023 projects plan for next meeting.

6. Wu Ledges and Hastings Road – Update from Town Administrator – Led by Cook

Curt had a discussion with Annie. Landowner approached the town about taking over the road. Continued difficulty in communicating with the developer. Nothing moving other than an inquiry to the Select Board about what might they do about it. Do we know if the Hastings development organization has organized itself?

Bob feels the snow removal at the parking lot has not been satisfactory. Follow up with the town administrator.

7. Reappointment of Conservation Commission Members – Huffman, Loomis, Cook, Lindberg and Replacement Needed for PJ Telep – Led by Laferriere

Telep to resign in light of growing family and conflicting priorities. Telep will remain on through May.

Remaining WCC members will remain on the Commission. Leo will communicate this to Annie.

8. Financial Matters – Led by Grimaldi

1. Bruno recommends moving Scrag Mountain Fund 26 CD assets to a new 9 month CD with 3.5% interest (maturity 12/27/2023).

MOTION TO APPROVE by Joslin, SECONDED by Loomis. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Bruno will provide an update at the April meeting regarding moving Fund 14 and Fund 33 after meeting with the Treasurer.

9. Other business – Led by Laferriere

- Next meetings: 4/17/23 and at 6:30 pm. It will be hybrid meeting.
- May 15th at 6:30
- Other items
 - Chris Loomis - Need to address in person WCC meetings. A person of the public felt they couldn't access the virtual meeting. Chris feels we should go back to in person meetings. General consensus is to resume in person meetings and have the virtual option - hybrid.

10. Adjourn

- a. MOTION to Adjourn by Chris, SECONDED by Bruno. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.