

Approved meeting minutes
Huntington Conservation Commission (HCC)
March 10, 2011

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Town Clerk

Meeting began 6:04pm, adjourned 7:58pm

Commissioners in attendance: Wally Jenkins (chair), Roman Livak, Margaret Fowle, Alan Brace, Sally Hillary

Wally called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

Review and approve minutes, review mail:

- February minutes approved without amendments. Discussion of Land Conversation manual sponsored by the Vermont Land Trust and ??? lead to a motion from Margaret seconded by Wally: **If Alan cannot obtain a free copy the Commission will purchase Land Conservation Manual (\$25). Unanimous approval.**
- There was one comment in the comment box at town Meeting: Liked the idea of the hike and suggested having a picnic.
- Wally handed out two articles on conservation, food for thought: Conservation Benefits by the Charlotte Land Trust printed in The Charlotte News Feb. 10, 2011 and The Future of Conseqvation by Peter Kareiva, Chief Scientist, The Nature Conservancy (Spring 2011)

No public comment

Budget Update

- Workshops and programs budget line item reflects expense for photo show jurors
- Year to date: the Commission has expended 47.8% of operating budget

Sugarmaker's Open House, March 26th, 2011

- The brochures have been distributed by Alan and Wally will keep them stocked
- Margaret will post an announcement of Front Porch Forum week of 21st

Photo Show

Awards and prizes

Picked from a hat:

- "Best in Show" – Garden Spider by John Hadden - \$50 Beaudrys Gift Certificate
- "Peoples Choice" - *undetermined* - Hay or Syrup from Alan Brace
- 1st Plant (tie) – Wisdom Tree by John Hadden - \$40 Blairs Garage gift Certificate
- 1st Plant (tie) – Mountain Sandwort – Laura Bermingham - \$50 Photogarden in store service
- 1st Landscape – Burnt Rock Pond by Aaron Worthley – Complete Italian Garden from Heidi Racht
- 1st Animal - ? by Cheryl Willoughby – Quilt by Mary
- 2nd Landscape – Spirit Sunrise by Nat Grant – Audobon Book
- 2nd Landscape (tie) – Resting Lion by Melody Benson – syrup from Tafts Milk and Maple Farm

- 2nd Animal - ? Fox by Janet Labelle – syrup from Maplewind Farm
- 2nd Plant – Autumn Glory by Suzanne Boyd – syrup from Scott Brace
- Hon. Animal – Yellowthroat Chicks by Pam Chicoine – Christmas tree from Lawrence Phillips
- Hon. Landscape – Evening Light Stack Hill by Christian Authur – ski tickets from Sleepy Hollow

Revenue

- **Wally made a motion to transfer \$200 left from registration income and whatever income from card sales to the Conservation Fund, Alan seconded, unanimous approval**

Calendar

- Margaret will look at shutterfly.com
- Sally checked with the graphic arts program at her school. Timing could be troublesome and the Instructor indicated that the prices from Shutterfly to be economical.
- Solicit digital photographs of Huntington Scenes and Bio-diversity. Alan will receive them.

Wildlife Corridors and Transportation Program

Wally and Sally attended a tracking workshop in Salisbury. They learned that to be effective the data must be collected over a number of years (5+) and that there is a steep learning curve to identify the tracks. The Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning is willing to work with us should we decide to participate.

Salamanders and Special Places Tour

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- One salamander crossing sign left and no more to be had. Place it in the Gore
 - Burnt Rock Nature Walk will take place May 21, 2011.
 - Wally will write one or two articles (depending) for the Times Ink

“Way To Go” Commuter Challenge

- Promotional in May
- Need a common, easy-to-use “place” for people to communicate about shared rides

Update of Town Plan and Municipal Planning Grant

- Conservation Commission can provide natural resources data

No other business

Adjourn: Roman moved to adjourn at 7:58pm, Wally seconded, unanimous approval

Date unapproved minutes to town clerk: March 14, 2011
Date approved minutes to town clerk: April 18, 2011