

Town of Huntington — Huntington Conservation Commission (HCC) Meeting

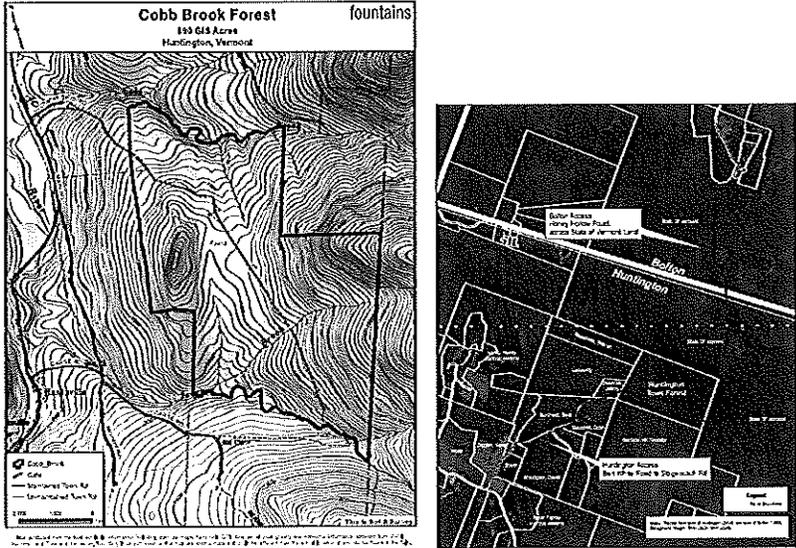


Thursday, 12 November 2015—7:00 pm

Town Office - downstairs
 ** APPROVED ** MINUTES

RECEIVED *[Signature]*
 DATE December 14, 2015

<p>Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and approve the October minutes, review mail • Public Comment • Town Forest • Land for Public Trust: Kate Wanner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What and when are the resources the Trust for Public Land thinks we can access related to purchase of a new town forest? ○ What is the timeframe for the Cobb Brook property? ○ Next steps ○ Access Year Round to Current Forest: (Jenna) conversation with Fellowship of the Wheel ○ Catamount Trail Easement in Town Forest: (Rebecca and Sheri) ○ Process to Sell Current Town Forest: (Roman) • HCC Work Plan and Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discuss the Special Places Tour: What worked and where to improve? Ideas for next tour ○ Conservation Summit: (Rebecca) ○ Storm water Grant Application – (Darlene) • Discuss Verification of Wildlife Coordinators: Discuss the engagement of community using tools like http://www.nwf.org/Wildlife/Wildlife-Conservation/Citizen-Science/Wildlife-Watch/Observations.aspx , other smart phone apps, etc. vs hiring expert. • other outstanding agenda items, business or updates • Adjourn • Outstanding Agenda Items : Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District improve fish habitat in Huntington Laura Dlugolecki • Next Meeting date - 10 December 2015
<p>Members present:</p>	<p>Sheri Lynn (Co-Chair), Rebecca Ryan (Co-Chair), Jenna Whitson, Darlene Palola Absent: JB Bryan, Roman Livak</p>
<p>Staff/Officials present</p>	<p>Terry Ryan, HCC Clerk</p>
<p>Others present</p>	<p>Kate Wanner, The Trust for Public Lands (https://www.tpl.org/our-work/vermont)</p>
<p>Call to order</p>	<p>Sheri Lynn called the meeting to order at 19:14</p>
<p>Approval of Minutes (10 October 2015) - MOTION</p>	<p>MOTION: Palola moved and Ryan seconded to approve the draft minutes of 10 October 2015, as submitted. Tabled until Sheri Lynn came to meeting. Passed unanimously (at 2045, after other discussions as noted below).</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>None</p>

<p>ACTION (DELAYED)</p>	
<p>Topic: HCC Work Plan and Priorities</p>	<p><u>Special places tour</u> – Bryan led a Mushroom Walk on the Forest City Trail, Sunday, Oct. 18, 1:30, with 14 participants. There was some discussion about holding more frequent Special Places events, over the winter and possible in conjunction with Audubon or Birds of Vermont.</p> <p><u>Stormwater Grant</u> – Palola reported that the outcome of the Grant request should be known by the end of November.</p> <p><u>Conservation Summit</u>- Ryan attended Nov 7. She reported it to be very informative and suggested that the HCC have more attendees next year, as there are simultaneous sessions and she couldn't attend all those of interest.</p>
<p>Topic: ECOS Project</p>	<p>Wildlife Corridor verification was discussed again, the HCC is concerned that whatever becomes mapped needs to be defensible for Land Use Regulation use. Palola noted that the Department of Fish and Wildlife may have valid data on some corridors.</p> <p>http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/watch_wildlife/wildlife_resources</p>
<p>Topic: Fish Habitat</p>	<p>Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District Manager, Corrina Parnapy, will attend next HCC meeting to discuss.</p>
<p>Adjourn MOTION</p>	<p>MOTION: Ryan moved and Palola seconded to adjourn the meeting at 20:50. Passed unanimously.</p>
	<p>10 December 2015 – Next Meeting date 16 November 2015 – Draft/unapproved minutes sent to Town Clerk for website posting 10 December 2015 – Final/approved minutes approved 11 December 2015 – Approved minutes sent to Town Clerk for recording & website posting</p>