

July 12, 2016 SCC Meeting
5:00 pm 450 Frank Lord Road

Attendees: Pam Darrow, Peter Grace, Connie Youngstrom, Louise Duda, Grace Brigham

I. Minutes of June 7th meeting were read and accepted. (Thank you Cynthia for summarizing the map presentation so well for us.)

II. Discussion on Invasive Workshop June 11th.

10 attendees, several repeat participants. All felt it was a worthwhile workshop, which included looking at sites around town with invasive plants. Since that workshop, 3 different participants removed invasives they noted in their area. **The SCC will approach the Selectboard to see if a place can be designated at the dump to deposit black plastic bags filled with decaying invasive plant material until danger of it reseeding has passed.**

III. Many SCC members were in attendance of Brown Bridge/ Jeffords State Forrest dedication.

All in attendance felt inspired by the various speakers that were representative of what good government officials and local citizens can do. SCC provided 6 arrangements of flowers for the tables. Concerns were expressed about ways to prevent trash or dumping in this lovely area, so close to Rutland. Weezie spoke to Jo Fretz and was assured that nearby residents that use that road each day keep a bag in their car to pick up random bottles and trash as they see it.

Peter and Weezie will attend the next Selectboard meeting to discuss the placement of one or two signs - such as - We hope you enjoyed this lovely area. Please help keep it pristine by carrying out all trash when you leave. Thank you.

IV. Biofinder Maps - members continue to take the large maps home to study. Biofinder is in the throes of reorganization. We will get a training on its use by Monica once it is up and running again. **Peter will check with Rutland Regional Planning Commission to see if we can get these maps made up in a smaller size for members.**

V. Using the template and process outlined by Jens Hilke, we began the next discussion of the direction the SCC will take in the upcoming year(s). We reviewed what we had done in the past few years, what ongoing activities we wished to keep (Green Up Activities, Invasive Education, roving anti litter sign, attendance at the VT Assoc. of Conservation Commission conferences), and started brainstorming future focuses. At the next meeting, members are asked to prioritize the top 5 things they feel should be our immediate focus. (see attachment). We will then finalize our plans, keeping in mind our capacity as volunteers and identifying shared community partners that can assist us in meeting those goals.

VI. Pam Darrow has agreed to serve on the SCC as a new member, to replace Lily French's position. **Weezie will notify the Selectboard.**

Next meeting will be at 5:00pm at 450 Frank Lord Road on August 2nd.

Respectfully submitted, Louise Duda July 13, 2016