

SCC Minutes
9/13/16

Grace, Connie, Peter, Connie, Cynthia, Pam

Minutes read and amended.

Walk and Talks- various outings were discussed.

Raven Rock-Peter called Russell Reay, who will walk the area with Peter. Peter will let us know when the walk happens, so that other SCC members can participate. Peter is trying to get some smaller versions of the larger maps we looked at recently.

Bio Finder-

Jesse contacted Jens and Monica. Monica will come back to do some further BioFinder training which should help us with determining the biological importance of lands in Town. Bio Finder is still not functioning well, so we will wait until the November 1st meeting to do this training. The training will take about 3 hours.

Gaynor Road-

Cynthia reported what she found out from Adrienne. Connie proposed a walk down Gaynor Rd to see the status. A group will walk down there on September 22nd at 4 pm.

Brown Bridge sign-

Grace showed the anti littering sign she has created. Green Graphics can make a pattern so that we can reproduce the sign design if needed. Weezie will check with a neighbor about making a sign pattern and get prices. Grace will bring the sign to the next Select Board meeting on September 21st for approval.

I Naturalist Training-

This training can accommodate 20 people with either a smart phone, tablet, or computer. Weezie saw that the town of Norwich put the location of invasives on I Naturalist in their town. The training takes place both in a classroom and out on the trail. Weezie suggested a training in November if she hears back from Heather and Molly. She sees this as a way to document invasives in Shrewsbury.

Jesse will contact Jamie Carrera about what the road crew does to mitigate the spread of invasives. He will also talk to Bert Potter about having a place for bagged invasives at the Transfer Station next year.

Jeffords Forest-

Connie read the letter she received from Lisa Thornton in response to her inquiry about how the area will be managed, its use, etc. Currently it is under an interim stewardship plan. Connie will write back to request any information that may be forthcoming regarding animal and plant inventories.

SCC has had a request from the Auditors for a photo for the Town Report. We will take a group photo November 1.

Brown Bridge trash- David Fretz said there is a casual group that picks up trash in this area.

The Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions conference is on October 22 at Lake Morey Resort. Weezie will get more information about this very worthwhile event and pass it on.

New Business:

Connie reports that there are 2 loons at Spring Lake currently. There are many trees down around the lake, mostly birches, that the beavers are felling. Should the SCC develop a project to put screening around the bases of some vulnerable trees around Spring Lake? LOOC, Land Owners and Others Concerned, may already be trapping beavers. Grace is a part of the Shrewsbury Outing Club and will bring it up at the next meeting.

Weezie wants approval for money to provide refreshment for the Moose Walk/Talk on October 15. Cynthia moved that we provide \$\$ for refreshments. Pam, Connie, Peter, Grace, approved.

Meeting adjourned 6:15.