

**Draft minutes, BCC meeting 1/17/18**

**Town of Burke  
Burke Conservation Commission**  
212 School Street  
West Burke, VT 05871

January 17, 2018, 6:00 P.M.  
Burke Town Clerk's Office

**Present:** Hank Butler, Cathie Wheeler, Elise Lawson, Joan Harlowe, Kevin Mack, Chris Manges

**Absent:** Sue Leskin, Ross Stevens, Ric Prescott

**Pump track project:** Hank will send a grant request to Trout Unlimited to fund this project. Fritz Gerhardt, Beck Pond LLC, drafted a proposal after consulting with Matt Langlais, and proposes a 50 ft wide riparian buffer on Kingdom Trails land along the East Branch. It would include a variety of species, about 480 trees and shrubs leaving a 5 foot space on either side of the bike trail. The BCC will undertake to do the planting with additional helpers.

**Forestry Management Plan for the Town of Burke Municipal Forest-**

Sam Perron's report recommends that the forest be managed to conserve existing habitat and to release some wild apple trees. He also recommends an inventory of small mammals. He suggests no trail larger than a footpath.

**Public Programs** Suggestions for topics include a winter program on lynx (need to find a speaker), a spring program on birds — Kevin? Charlie Browne? , Chris Rimmer?

**Next meeting;** February 21

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Harlowe