

Draft Minutes

Town of Burke
212 School St.
West Burke VT 0571

Burke Conservation Commission

meeting October 17, 2018

Present: Hank Butler, Sue Leskin, Elise Lawson, Cathie Wheeler, Chris Manges, Joan Harlowe

Absent: Kevin Mack, Ross Stevens

Minutes of the September meeting were approved

Municipal Forest

Chris brought samples of boundary markers made by LI students . The group agreed that the markers are just right and we will put them up later this month.

Pete's Pond

Hank wrote to the owners, Gordon and Craig Ulmer, describing the BCC's interest in conserving the area for public recreational use . He has not heard back.

Elise and Sue investigated possible sources of grants. The VT Dept of Forest Parks and Recreation, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, and the Vermont Land and Water Conservation Fund do make grants for land acquisition, and Sue and Elise will pursue these. The Fish and Wildlife Dept. does not fund land acquisition. Vermont Council on Rural Development is another possibility.

New member: several names were mentioned and may be approached to find out interest.

Public Programs: Steve Agius will speak on Nov. 8 at 7 in the community center. Hank will ask Steve if he will bring objects to display, and if he needs or brings AV equipment. Hank will also ask him to send a synopsis of his talk, and photos, to make a poster. We will reproduce and print his poster, if he has one, or we will make one and post it around town, on the web, in Front Porch Forum. We will send a notice to the Caledonian and the Chronicle. Hank will ask Mary Jane Warren to share her list of contacts at the Burke Mountain Club.

Annual repost: Joan will draft a report and circulate it to the commission, so

as to get it to Priscilla by early December.

Next meeting; November 21.

Respectfully submitted
Joan Harlowe