

draft minutes

**Draft minutes, BCC meeting 2/21/18**

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

February 21, 2018, 6:00 P.M.  
Burke Town Clerk's Office

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

**Absent:** Sue Leskin, Ric Prescott

**Municipal Forest:** Ross will send the report, which is 95% complete, to the Vermont Association of Conservation Commissions. We need to define our goals and mark the location, perhaps with small poles with small identifying markers along the boundary. A foot/bicycle path could connect to other trails. Signage at the Darling Park Nature Trail could link to the municipal forest.

**Public Programs:** Elise will draft an application for a Tiny Grant, application due April 14, to help fund quarterly public programs. For spring, Hank will contact Bob Gondor, for a talk on grafting. Chris will contact Charlie Browne about an early summer talk on birds, with a possible bird walk to follow. Ross will contact Steve Agius for a talk about lynx for fall. Elise will contact Mary Jane at the Clubhouse to keep her informed of our plans and for her help with promotion of the talks.

**Scholarship:** Cathie will contact the town school about a Burke Outdoor Club program that our scholarship fund could help.

**Trees:** Hank reports that 2 of the trees we planted near are not thriving.

**Next meeting:** March 21. The April meeting might be held on the 25th, since the previous week will be school vacation week.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Harlowe