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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING (unapproved draft)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building (PSB) conference room. In attendance: Charlie Hancock, Sue Wilson, Joan Hildreth, Misty McCartney, Todd Lantery. No visitors.

- Additions/Deletions to Agenda - None
- Minutes from September 7, 2016 reviewed. Sue made a motion to approve the September minutes as written, Charlie seconded, the motion passed. September minutes approved.
- Treasurer's Report/Fundraising Update: Sue reported that, to date, we have received \$2,230.00 in membership from 36 people. Fundraising for 2016 to date totals \$1,285.00. After October 15th, we will receive \$750.00 from the town. As of 1/1/16 we had a balance of \$4,080.17. Expenses for 2016 thus far total \$1,954.92. Therefore, as of October 15th when we receive the \$750.00 from the town, we should have a balance of $(4,080.17 + 2,230.00 + 1,285.00 + 750.00 - 1954.92) = \underline{\$6,390.25}$.
- Thank You Cards to Donors: These were written to all donors by MCC members at the meeting.
- Planned Events`/Fundraisers:
 - o Bats with Alyssa Bennett from VT Fish & Wildlife. **Thursday, October 20, 2016, 6:30 p.m. at the Richford High School Library.** Partner with RCC. The MCC's share of cost (splitting the total of \$150.00 50/50 with RCC) is \$75.00. Todd made a motion that we pay the \$75 share, Sue seconded, the motion passed. Joan will ask Annette Goyne for an invoice for our \$75.00 share.
 - o "Animals of the North" with Sue Morse. **Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the Montgomery Center for the Arts, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** MCC will co-sponsor this with Cold Hollow to Canada (CHC), and the total cost of \$352.55 is to be split 50/50 with CHC. Sue made a motion that we pay our share of the cost (1/2), which is \$176.27, Misty seconded, the motion passed.
- Water Quality Monitoring – Trout River – River Walk Park – There was discussion about the importance of this, and the interest on the part of MCC board members to take this on if it is not already being done. Charlie will get in touch with Lindsey Wight, Coordinator of Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA), to inquire about the status of any testing and to offer our assistance with this.

- Other Business/Events:
 - **Wild About Wilderness, with Sue Morse, Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. Opera House, Enosburg Falls.** Sponsored by Enosburg Conservation Commission. Suggested donation of \$10.00
 - **CHC Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 27th at 6:00 p.m. the Grange in Montgomery Center.** There will be food and the speaker will be John Elder. This is a celebration of CHC and its achievements over the year. All interested members of the community are welcome. There will be a suggested donation of \$10 per person. Those interested are asked to RSVP at <https://www.coldhollowtocanada.org/events/rsvp/>

Motion made by Todd to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. Joan seconded, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Hildreth