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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING (unapproved draft)  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. at the Public Safety Building (PSB) conference room. In attendance: Charlie Hancock, Sue Wilson, Joan Hildreth. Absent: Misty McCartney, Todd Lantery. Visitor(s): None.

- Additions/Deletions to Agenda - None
- Minutes from November 2, 2016 reviewed. Charlie made a motion to approve the November minutes as written, Sue seconded, the motion passed. November minutes approved.
- Treasurer's Report/Fundraising Update: Sue reported that, year-to-date (YTD), we have received \$2,305.00 in membership from 38 people. In addition, Sue presented a report outlining the YTD income and expenses, as well as each year's budgeted and actual figures from 2014 to 2016. The 2017 budget was then worked on during the meeting. A level funding request for \$750 will be made to the Town. The 2017 proposed budget outlines \$3,250 in revenue and \$1,750 in expenses.
- Town Report letter – Charlie will write a new letter which will accompany the budget in the Town Report.
- Planned Events`/Fundraisers:
  - 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 will be split 50/50 with CHC. Charlie will develop a flyer for distribution.
- Water Quality Monitoring – Trout River – River Walk Park – Tabled until spring. (See 11/2/16 minutes for more details.)
- Municipal Planning Grant: Charlie reported that the grant was denied, but we can re-apply on the next round. Uncertain when that will be.
- Proposed/Events:
  - o **XC/Snowshoe/Tracking/Winter Tree ID Outing co-sponsored with RCC, February 11, 2017 (with backup of Feb. 18)** Time and other details TBD. Most likely at Richford Elementary School.
  - o **Screening of “The Messenger” film, co-sponsored with RCC.** Most likely in the spring. Details TBD. Total cost would be \$150; split 50/50 with RCC.
  - o **Bats Presentation with Lindsey Wight (and Alyssa Bennett from VT Fish & Wildlife available via Skype) sometime in the spring of 2017 (March or April?) at the Montgomery Elementary School (MES).** Details TBD. MES principal, Sandy Alexander, very supportive of the

idea. Coordinating with RCC. They plan to do a similar presentation at the school in Richford.

- **Stream Demonstration Table/ Watershed Model Table** – tabled for now. (See 11/2/2016 minutes for more info.)
  
- Other Business:
  - It was agreed that there will be **NO MCC MEETINGS HELD IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY of 2017.** Monthly meetings will resume March 1, 2017.

Motion made by Sue to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m. Charlie seconded, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Hildreth