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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING (unapproved draft)  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 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, Misty McCartney, Todd Lantery, Joan Hildreth. No one was absent, and there were no visitors.

- Additions/Deletions to Agenda - None
- Minutes from July 6, 2016 reviewed. Todd made a motion to approve the July minutes as written, Sue seconded, the motion passed. July minutes approved.
- Treasurer's Report/Fundraising Update: Sue reported that, as of July 28<sup>th</sup>, we have received \$1,755.00 in membership from 28 people.
- Thank You Cards to Donors: Sue bought the cards for us to write the notes. We will schedule another time to do that soon, once additional donations have been recorded.
- Planned Events`/Fundraisers:
  - o "The Four Cs of Madagascar" with Hank Kaestner. **Thursday, September 15, 2016** at 6:30 p.m. at the Grange. Partnering with RCC. We will need desserts/refreshments. Joan will provide Charlie with a brief written description of the event for use in publicizing it.
  - o Bats with Alyssa Bennett from VT Fish & Wildlife. **Thursday, October 20, 2016.** Specifics re: time/location in Richford TBD. Partner with RCC. Joan will provide Charlie with a brief written description of this event as well for use in publicizing it.
- Proposed Events/Fundraisers:
  - o "Animals of the North" – new presentation by Sue Morse. MCC will co-sponsor this with Cold Hollow to Canada (CHC), and the total cost of \$300 to \$350 will be split 50/50. Charlie proposed the evening of **Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the Montgomery Center for the Arts.** Sue will check on the availability of the space that day, as well as alternative dates close to that if it is not available then.
- Municipal Planning Grant - Charlie has been checking into this and will see if Amanda Holland from Northwest Regional Planning Commission can come to our next meeting to discuss this further. The grant would be used for completing a Town-Wide Natural Resource Inventory. (Arrowwood Environmental of Lowell is a possible firm to hire for this task.)
- Gibou/Atlas Project – Charlie recommended that a steering committee be formed to come up with ideas of various models regarding this parcel, and to draft a proposal to present at a public meeting. It was suggested that a committee include: representative(s) from the local mountain bike club (Grateful Treads); a representative from the regional mountain bike club (VMBA); member(s) of the backcountry skiing community; fundraiser(s); MCC member(s); and any other

- interested parties. Charlie will find out more about the purchase price of the land and other relevant information. Joan will provide Charlie with contact info re: mountain bike club representatives and he will work on scheduling a meeting.
- Other Business/Events: **CHC Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> in the evening at the Grange.** There will be food and a speaker. This is a celebration of CHC and its achievements over the year. All interested members of the community are welcome.

Motion made by Charlie to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Misty seconded, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Hildreth