

17 June 2014

Present at meeting : Amy Metz, Jared Jenisch, Matt Perry, John Hemenway, Steve Willbanks, Mike Hebb, Tii McLane, and J.T. Horn

Meeting Minutes :

- Yearly Organizational Meeting – The following changes in positions were voted for at this month's meeting: Stephen Willbanks, Chair; Amy Metz, Recording Secretary; and Matthew Perry, Treasurer
- Wildlife Road-crossing survey: Vote on Wildlife Camera purchase - The purchase of wildlife cameras was voted down. Instead we will ask the via listserve if anyone in town owns a wildlife camera and if they would be willing to let the SCC borrow the cameras for a study. All interested persons will contact Tii.
- Maple Hill Road Culvert Project= Ron Rhodes (CT River Watershed Council) received a Vermont Fish and Wildlife grant to pay for 65% of the engineering and design and the SCC would match the remaining 35% from the balance left in the MEF Phase III grant. The Maple Hill culvert is a fish passage barrier, which is why the Vermont Fish and Wildlife is supporting this project. SCC would spend \$3,000 and the Vermont Fish and Wildlife would pay \$5000. The estimated total project cost is \$8000. The Watershed Council submitted the grant as part of a project covering several grants. Engineering would be completed the summer 2014 and installation would be in 2015. There is a possibility that the US Fish and Wildlife to contribute to the installation in order for towns not to have to invest in these projects. Ron will speak to Select Board about hiring an engineer for the design work.
- Wetlands Inventory: Project design and funding possibilities – Mike received an estimate from Arrowwood Environmental in the amount of \$3565.20 for: 1.) Remote Inventory and landscape analysis, 2.) Trainings for Field work, and 3.) Project Administration/Expenses. Jared is registering the SCC for requesting seed money from the New England Grass Roots Environmental Fund. We are requesting about \$900 to cover the costs of the trainings. The remainder of the money to pay Arrowwood may come from MEF grant that we apply for in the fall.
- Trails – Showy Lady Slippers walk at the end of June. Mike will post to listserve
- Old City Falls – Waiting for bill from Rhett Emerson regarding the hood repair. Matt is talking to Kelly Hall regarding repairs for the outhouse. Steve will reach out to Frank Satink (Loss Control Supervisor for League of Cities and Towns) to discuss signage for Old City Falls.
- Whitcomb Hill – J.T. will draft Rights
- TRORC USFS Grant: Amy Metz and Pete Fellows (TRORC) attended the Taylor Valley Initiative meeting on June 16 to learn about their organization and see these three groups can support each other. Pete was there from a TRORC USFS grant perspective.
- Invasives Management – Public meeting @ 7pm June 18 @ the Justin Morrill Ed Building to discuss Invasives Management within Strafford. The goal of the meeting is to come up with a strategy for landowners to work together to manage invasives. The group will initially target wild chervil, poison parsnip, Japanese knotweed and purple loosestrife.

July 22, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Metz

Amy Metz, Recording Secretary