

Draft minutes of SCC meeting 1/25/16

Members Present: Jan McCleery, Matt Witten, Robert Turner, Peg Casey, Dave Gratton, Jody Higgs

Inter-town Wildlife and Conservation Planning Meeting Robert provided a recap of the meeting he attended on our behalf.

Memorial bench Funds totaling \$200+ have been deposited in SCC's account at the town office. Funds are intended to be directed toward a memorial bench to be located along the Creek Side trail. Action: Jan will talk with the wife of the deceased to get a clearer idea of the families hopes and expectations before we proceed.

Composting system for town: In 2016 yard debris is required to be composted; 2017 food waste must also be composted. Composting food in bear habitat creates challenges for bears and humans. We as a commission wish to do more research and come up with a plan to present to the select board that would move forward the idea/need for a town composting system.

Archeological sites: Niermeg approached the commission a few months ago with his concerns about gravel extraction taking place on an old Native American archeological site. He asked if we would be interested in helping him figure out how to possibly prevent this practice in the future. While we agree that preserving or at least mapping those sites would be a good thing, we have for now decided to let Niermeg take the steps to initiate this work.

Logging site walkabout: we wish to schedule a day in the Spring to have Chris Olsen come and offer a tour of an active logging site, with the intention of educating CC members and the public about best management practices and water quality protection.

Summer picnic @ Common Ground Center: Common Ground has offered their space for a Starksboro summer picnic including horseshoes, tennis and use of the pond ...for a specific Friday night in June. We would like to make this a joint effort and need to A) find out the specific night that has been offered ( *Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>*) and B) figure out what other people/groups might want to join in event hosting/planning.

Minutes prepared by Jody Higgs