

Starksboro Conservation Commission
Monday, October 22, 2018

Present: Peg Casey, Jody Higgs, Jan McCleery, Emily Stoehr, Robert Turner

Meeting minutes from September were approved.

Jan circulated informational packets from UVM Extension on conservation-based estate planning.

The group discussed whether there was value in belonging to the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions. The Association offers an annual meeting/ gathering of conservation commissions with educational sessions and helps to connect members between towns. We informally (without a vote) decided to not renew membership at this time since we haven't been utilizing the resources.

Chris Runcie requested that the Conservation Commission brainstorm ideas for Master Naturalist volunteers from the five town area. We called Chris from the meeting for clarification and found that there will be about 20 volunteers looking for 20 hours each as part of the Master Naturalist program. They are hoping to have a few ideas for volunteer projects from each of the towns. We discussed a few options that immediately came to mind. Each member will provide Robert with ideas over the next couple weeks and he will get back to Chris with a finalized list no later than December 1st.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing final plans for the Harvest Supper on November 3rd. We are currently short volunteers. All members will do some recruiting.

Minutes submitted by Emily Stoehr