

Minutes from Berlin Conservation Commission

May 16, 2019 3:00 pm

In Attendance: Matt Polk, Phil Gentile, Ellen Sulek, Tom Willard, Sister Laurian Seeber

Discussion:

- *Maintaining ground water-mapping ground water of interest. State geologist can only map two towns a year. Can we get on line?
- *Check with Regional Planning Commission as to what maps of Berlin public parcels are available.
- *Vermont Wells database maintained by the state of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation: any well drilled has to be listed with them and information is available to the public.
- *Contact Science department at U-32 to involve students in well research
- *Job of Commission to identify and protect the resources of the town in an advisory role
- *Conflict between Conservation and Recreation

Need to educate public

- *Rich northern hardwood forest, lots of vernal pools, complex ecology on Irish Hill
- *VNRC, Efficiency Vermont for Education
- *Vermont geologist come speak to
- *Advertise on Front Page Forum for meetings and to recruit members
- *Sandwich Board to advertise meetings

Action

- *See what's available as map for wells (ground water) already
- *Phil: Recreation Board, will approach school to recruit members and shift responsibility off Conservation Commission
- *Meet with Northfield Conservation Commission to see how we can interface
- *Check with Regional Planning Commission as to what maps of Berlin public parcels are available.
- *Get someone from Regional Planning Commission to come to the next meeting -JC
- *Look into acquiring a sandwich board to post at Maplewood-Phil Linda Mirable, Sign Design (John) – Town Maintained? Ask Dana

Next Meeting: June 20, 2019, at 3:00 pm at Town Offices.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Sulek