

Minutes from Berlin Conservation Commission

October 24, 2019 3:00 pm

In Attendance: Phil Gentile, Ellen Sulek, JC Earle, Sister Laurian Seeber, Tom Badowski

Discussion:

- Brad Watson is looking for members to join recreation committee
- JC: Northfield CC had town forest mapped through a grant so they know exactly where the vernal pools and other important areas are. Could we do something like that?
- Fish and Wildlife book *Mapping Vermont's Natural Heritage* shared by Sister Laurian. Will be shared at the meeting with Planning Commission.
- Tom Badowski spoke about Planning Commission's ideas: Green space in plan, pedestrian friendly, storm water master plan, create network of walking paths, proposing staff for CC and Recreation Committee to help orchestrate what needs to be done, monies available through grants
- BCC supports protection of ground water, Marshfield Town Plan around ground water

Action:

- Contact Jen Hawkins-Hilke, the Conservation Planner author, to see if she can come to talk to the BCC
- Contact Northfield CC to see how we could have our properties mapped (How did they get theirs done? Who do we contact?)
- Suggest to Select board that we designate the Jacuzzi property a preserved property for conservation, not just town land
- Visit new town center in South Burlington to see what's being done there
- Bring Municipal Planning for Groundwater Protection document to Planning Commission meeting on November 13th.
- Meet November 13, 2019 with Berlin Planning Commission at 7:00

Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm

Next meeting: November 21, 2019 at 3:00pm

Agenda:

- Review Planning Commission meeting from November 13th
- Elect a chair
- Bike path update

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Sulek