

## Montpelier Conservation Commission Minutes

January 12, 2017

Attendees: Jens Hilke (DFW), Brenna, Nick, Page, Roy, John, Asa, James, Charlie, Emily, Becca, Ben

- Next month Mike Miller coming to meeting to discuss master plan meeting. Build on strategic planning process of tonight.
- March meeting – chair of Montpelier Energy advisory committee. Award. Share success stories.
- Review planning process
  - Meeting on conservation commissions in VT
  - List of project ideas in progress and possible
  - Complete worksheet in past
  - Compile and make workplan (this meeting)
- Workplan to include action items that will not happen naturally along the way
  - Outreach
    - Online presence
      - Website
      - Social media
      - iNaturalist
    - Water
      - Blanchard Brook
      - DPW stormwater assistance
    - Habitat
      - Pollinators
      - Neonics
    - Farmers market presence
  - Coordination with other groups
    - City groups (CC, PC, energy, etc.)
    - Coordination with state in City
    - Network of CCs in area (through AVCC)
  - Review of proposed land development
    - More work up front to clarify roles and methods
    - Light workload over year
  - Invasive species
    - Support management of invasives (mapping, funding, removal participation)
    - Develop waste borrow and staging protocols to limit spread of invasives
  - Science and inventory
    - Support NBNC for bioblitz
    - Review inventories and seek conservation efforts
    - Wetland mapping
    - Field-verify natural communities
    - Vernal pool inventory to ID additional pools
  - Policy

- Conservation fund
  - Update Master Plan
- Implementation
  - Make trails and conserved lands map
    - Big pulse of work in beginning, and then drops once Official Map approved
  - Urban stream bank rehabilitation
    - Support, volunteer, implement
  - Implement storm water management and improve snow storage
  - Ban City use of neonics
  - Conduct tree plantings and riparian plantings
- Next steps
  - Work with John and Roy to carry forward desired projects
  - Flesh out combinations, costs, and partners
  - MCC to work on assembling time frame for each item