

## Montpelier Conservation Commission (MCC) Meeting January 17, 2019 – Memorial Room

Members present – James, Charlie, Page, Katie, Michael, Jamie, John; Student members – Ian, Jasper

- Meeting started
- Agenda Approved
- Introductions and overview for Jasper and Ian, new student members
- Master Naturalist Program – NBNC
  - Collaboration with Parks for a project in Hubbard
    - March timeline
  - Money to buy into program and to have someone help keep student on task
  - 60 hours of time from a student
  - We need ideas for project
  - Hubbard Park projects
    - Hubbard Park BioBlitz?
    - BioBlitz data review specific to Hubbard Park
    - Trail mapping
  - VRAMs throughout Montpelier?
  - Integrate photography
  - Katie went through Burlington's program
    - Best approach would be to have three potential projects so naturalist students can choose based on their interests/expertise
  - MCC needs to decide if we are going to be a partner in the Master Naturalist program
  - Need to get projects and interest of commissioners by February meeting
  - \$250 to be a partner/sponsor
  - \$450? For a scholarship
  - We need more information from Sean regarding what the money is for
- Zoning review
  - Meet with Mike as a sub committee since he cannot make it to meetings
  - Set meeting with Mike and commissioners and see who can attend
  - No Mondays
- Confluence Park Update
  - VRC and M&M met with City Council to show ideas to get support to move forward
  - City Council voted to support the project moving forward
  - More details to follow, Katie will continue to rep the MCC
  - VRC – has designs on their website
- Priorities for 2019
  - City Plan Priorities
    - Stormwater
    - Ed and Outreach
    - Eco Inventories
  - FPF
    - Meetings

- Other info
- Invasives
  - Potential project for field naturalist
- Emerald ash borer
  - Partnership with Tree Board?
  - Invasive management plan for when tree canopy opens
  - Finding priority forest ash?
- Other updates
  - Stormwater
    - Maintenance plan sent to credit union
    - Unclear how much maintenance is required until final design
    - Student involvement on cleanups
- Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

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