

Draft Minutes of Stratford Conservation Commission
Natural Resource Inventory Public Meeting
7 December 2023

Meeting began at 6:30 PM.

Conservation Commission (CC) members present: Rachel O'Meara, Chris Caron, Jennifer Caron and Chelsea Petereit.

Public present: Charles Goulet, Suzanne Goulet, Roland Payne, Clayton MacDonald, Bryan McMann.

Roland Payne, who lives in Cabot, Vt, was representing Trout Unlimited and the Cabot Conservation Commission. Cabot is also in the process of constructing its Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). Matt Peters is the naturalist in charge of their NRI. Mr Payne described their process and the problems his CC has come across as they formulate their NRI.

Chris explained what an NRI is, how it relates to town planning, and the process of making an NRI.

There was discussion of landowner rights, invasive species, and endangered species.

Using the Town Map, participants were encouraged to share some favorite spots in Stratford that they would like to see noted in the NRI. Connary Pond, Stratford Bog, Spruce Mt., and the Rt 3 lookout were mentioned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Rachel O'Meara