

Stratford Conservation Commission meeting 4 January, 2024
Draft Minutes

Meeting began at 5:07 PM. In attendance: Chris Caron, Chelsea Petereit, Rachel O'Meara

Conservation Commission Fund: approximately \$32,000 came to the Commission this year from the current use change tax. Chris returned the balance of our operating budget for 2023 to the town, at the budget meeting he recently attended.

NRI (Natural Resource Inventory): At present we have picked three naturalists to reach out to, to work with us on the NRI: Elise Lawson, Matt Peters, and Moosewood Ecological. We would like to hold at least one more public NRI meeting before submitting RFPs or RFQs to them. We discussed having a speaker at the next public meeting; Chris has been in contact with UNH extension, and will ask there. Besides posting the meeting in town, on the town website, and Facebook, we discussed sending letters to town landowners, having an article in the Colebrook Chronicle, and putting a poster up at the transfer station. If possible we would like to hold the next NRI public meeting in February, date to be determined.

Chris has made a list of tasks relating to the NRI he would like the Commission to undertake re: reaching out to other organizations, gathering data and other assessments. He will email this list to other members.

There was discussion of using 'Skywatch', a commercial satellite imaging company, and how it might benefit the town and the NRI. At present we decided to hold off on this until we see if it is something the Naturalist we hire wants to use.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm. Next business meeting will be Thursday March 7.

Respectfully submitted

Rachel O'Meara