Stratford Conservation Commission Natural Resources Inventory public meeting draft minutes 22 February 2024

Conservation Commission members present: Chris Caron, Chelsea Petereit, Rachel O'Meara.

Also present as speakers: UNH extension specialist Emma Tutein, and Ray Berthiaume, UNH extension forester.

Public Present(those who signed in): Jamie Sayen, Clayton Macdonald, Joe Duven, Gerry Duven, Alta Chase, Michael Brauer, Jim Lister, Maryann Lister, Suzanne Goulet, Marcel Goulet, Dan Smith, Bruce Blodgett, Charles Goulet, Brian Newton.

Meeting began at 6:04.

Emma gave a comprehensive presentation about Natural Resource Inventories: their purposes, how they are made, and by whom. She discussed their role in town planning, use of the Town Master Plan, and benefits to towns and private landowners. The speakers and the commission answered citizens' questions about private property rights, finances and other concerns.

Some thoughts for further development of the Natural Resource Inventory included putting a link to i-naturalist on the town website, having a display at the library, review of the Master Plan, and utilizing local Community College students to help with the inventory.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. Next Conservation Commission meeting will be Thursday 7 March at 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel O'Meara