

**Town of Warren
Conservation Commission
Hybrid Zoom Mtg /Warren Public Library**

DRAFT minutes

4/30/2024

Jonathan Clough, Jim Edgecomb, Jito Coleman, Amy Polaczyk, Kate Wanner, Stan Walker, Rocky Bleier,

Meeting started at 5:40

Trails: CRV requested our support via letter to get the Town of Warren to provide 5,000 of ARPA funding. Vote passed unanimously.

Jim and George provided an update on status and input to the CRV project. Motion to recommend language drafted by George for CRV current conditions document - Jito made motion, rocky second, passed unanimously. All agree there will be additional editing

Bears - Efforts ongoing for additional speakers.

Knotweed - 5 interns and 1 manager to run the program with input from Jito and Curt. Curt working on the LCBP money. 2 new professors at the Rubenstein School & a new center for outreach to conservation groups to start doing invasive species research in the valley, UVM intends to make the valley the first place they do intensive work. To meet the team, join at Lawsons 5/4 at 3:30. Goats - Jito met with herder, they are getting a contract to get 50 goats, lands are identified. There will be a fundraiser thru FMR to raise the \$50,000 once the contract with knotweed project is firm.

First Knotweed work day is May 7, Riverside Park 4-6pm. Workdays in Warren will be Tuesdays, Fayson Wednesdays, and Waitsfield Thursdays.

Sugarbush has approved cleaning the knotweed around the snowmaking pond.

Town land management plans - no progress, need country forester to come in and look at the land to make recommendations to go into the management plans. Harmon Parcel, etc. Jonathan to reach out.

Warren Welcome letter - single page letter drafted that references new website. Jito to ask Kate if there is anything drafted we can finalize? Idea is to provide the values of the town, language is already well written in the town plan. conservation.warrenvt.org

Blueberry Bushes - we have \$200 to spend on mowing. Amy needs to work on this. What is the strategy for burning by the forest service?

Meeting concluded at 6:45pm

Next Meeting - May 14th, 5:30pm, Library & Zoom