

## Meeting Minutes Thursday October 6th, 2022 6:30 PM: Enosburg Emergency Services Building

Attendees: Cynthia Scott, Craig Cimmons, John Little, Paul Stanley, Brian Jerose, Mike Manahan, Lindsey Wight, and Sarah Lunn.

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 6:33 with a hearty Welcome Back to Sarah.
- 2) Review of September meeting minutes
  - JL made a motion to accept, PS seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.
- 3) 25th Celebration overview
  - Enjoyable event - lots of people and lots of fun; it was a good get-together. Unfortunately our expenses outweigh our income - lessons learned (didn't need all the swag and side purchases). Attendance: happy with the numbers, but gave many of those away - the cost of the meal was a barrier; should have charged less. The auction seemed good - great job everyone soliciting goods; people were excited and bidding right off the bat. Overall: wonderful job team; thanks to everyone for all the work they put into this!  
There may be more donations coming via mail - USPS mail forwarding has been unreliable.
- 4) Administrative business
  - Office update - Currently: sheetrock is complete downstairs, mudding is in progress. Upstairs wiring passed inspection. Foam insulation upstairs next week, then sheetrock. Windows expected mid-November. Mid December move-in? Have a xmas "open house/opening party"? Let's see how progress progresses. If not an open house; CS offers her space for our Dec potluck - thank you Cynthia and Jim!
  - Volunteer hours from Board - Lindsey forgot to print off the tracking sheet; watch for that.
  - Bookkeeper - would like to hire. Have a call in to WUV about the person they use. Also check with FNLC. CC has a friend who's mom may be able to advise.
  - Side thought: put a W&S Rivers sign on the office property? Will still need to inquire about his from VTrans, as it will fall in the road ROW.
  - Put some information about us on the Rail Trail kiosk in Eburgh.
- 5) Projects update and planning
  - Lake Lessons overview: 4 sessions, though the first one got cut short by thunderstorms. A good collaborative event; nice to bring it back again.
  - Tree planting: need to plant 60 more trees at the Parent property (Sheldon) this fall. Will be applying for more Enosburg/Sheldon planting at a VLT-conserved site for the spring; WUV funding will be available soon.  
Brian Westcom's: would like more trees; only about 15 surviving - could we put in more trees this fall, and get either Sheldon or Bakersfield students to help? If not fall, apply for a small planting for the spring (LCBP E&O or WUV?)
  - Culverts - apply for LCBP funds (new-to-us category for AOP) - 5 culverts in Franklin Co and 4 in Orleans have 100% design.
  - TNC partner work: Dam removals (sleeper pond in Newport Center?); 30x30 "conserving waters" - we have been meeting with TNC staff; they are interested in doing some actions in the Missisquoi. Not sure whether there will be money to support efforts, though it seems like they could help fund dam removals at least.
  - Winds, Waves, Variables: FNLC has expanded this program up to the headwaters, wrote some of our staff time into the grant to assist - we'll be in-classroom help (Kurt V is the educator) in Lowell and Richford.
  - Knotweed projects - ours are ongoing; will apply for LCBP funds again. There is currently a lump of NRCS funding available to Orleans County residents to combat invasives.

- 6) Events
  - Circle of Courage presentation/art show - CVNHP grant. Ellen is working with North Troy school to bring more cultural connections up watershed. Planning a public event with COC in November.
  - Knotweed Bonfire? Yes, let's hold it again - Nov 18 from 4-7pm.
  - Soiree - just beginning to make the rounds to our towns; Soiree in Feb/Mar? Include Franklin, get the lake involved?
  - 2023 events? - hold this discussion until November meeting.
- 7) Policies/Strategic Plan update - continuing the conversation
  - Could Corrina get us a one-page outline of the plan?
- 8) Other comments?
  - Water InSight sampling: let's continue and grow this program - a good way to connect directly with landowners.
  - Brian suggests that all watch the Soul of the Soil (Jack Lazor docu on VT Public)
  - There is a Fairfield Community Center fundraiser at the Opera House on Oct 15th.
- 9) Next meeting: Nov 3, 2022: Bakersfield FD
- 10) Adjourn at 8:23pm