

Burlington Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Burlington Town Hall, Senior Center
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order: Chairman Melanie Wilhelm called to order at 7:10 PM. Present: John Hebert, Richard Miller, Tom Roberge, Jackie Shadford, Melanie Wilhelm. Absent: Tom Finan, Mitchell Kvedar.
2. Review/Accept Minutes: Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2021 (Miller/Roberge).
3. Citizen Comments: None.
4. Communications: Dwight Harris spoke to Chairman Wilhelm concerning a conservation easement. The CC will do some research and invite Mr. Harris to an upcoming meeting.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Municipal Tax Reduction Program for Farmers: The proposed ordinance was successfully voted in favor to adopt a Farm Building Exemption Ordinance at a Special Town Meeting on September 20, 2021.
 - b. Johnnycake Mountain Recreation Facility: No Update.
 - c. Sustainability: No report. Kvedar was absent.
 - d. Turtle Crossing signage: There are currently no official signs for municipal use. Director of Public Works Scott Tharau, believes there are about 20 turtle crossing areas around town and can identify the types of turtles. The CC will review this topic in the spring. Tom Finan will be asked to put information about the crossings on FaceBook.
 - e. Recycling: No information available on Rails to Trails recycling from Kvedar. Shadford worked with Public Works to provide bins for Tavern Day and separate bins for deposit bottles and cans. It was a disappointment as to the lack of public awareness for recycling. Garbage was thrown in recycling bins and recycling thrown in trash bins. Th CC will look at ways to help educate the public on appropriate recycling practices.
The Simple Recycling "Pink Bag" program has changed. Residents will now need to call Simple Recycling or go to their website online to schedule free home pickup on their mutually agreed upon scheduled day.

6. New Business: Chairman Wilhelm was approached by a Burlington resident interested in joining the board. According to the town website there is one vacancy. Wilhelm will contact the Town Offices for clarification. Shadford suggested we also inquire the protocol to replace members who do not attend more than half the meetings during the year or communicate intentions.

Hebert found an informative brochure on pollinators published by the USDA. He will try to acquire a bulk quantity for future engagements to the public.

7. Adjourn: Motion made (Miller) and seconded (Hebert) to Adjourn. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Shadford, Secretary

Next Meeting, Tuesday, October 19, 2021 - Details to follow.