



APPROVED 9-19-2016

Monday August 15, 2016

Present: Ken Minck, Kent Henderson, & Nancy Volatile Wood, Rob Meader, Bill Ellis  
Absent: Fred Grimm & Suz Brown  
Guest: None

7:04 Call to order by Kent Henderson.

**Minutes:** 6-20-16 Nancy moved and Bill 2<sup>nd</sup>-unanimous- no July minutes because GCC summer BBQ replaced the regular meeting

**Financial Report: UNAVAILABLE**

**Correspondence:** SAAWA invitation to annual cookout 8-18-16 at St. Albans Bay

**Select Board Minutes: 8-8-16 Select board Concerns:** Concerning the Russell Greene Natural Area, the Select Board will continue to keep the issue of giving up the two holdings inside the fence on 104a adjoining the Russell Greene Natural Area as unfinished business.

**On-going business:**

RGNA: Planning Commission chair signed the application approval for the parking lot; and the GCC chair sent the signed approval form to VTrans District Permit Coordinator for issuance of the permit for driveway cut on 104A. GCC chair will initiate the town-guided bid process. Bid Advertisement costs can be drawn from the line item account.

Rise Vermont: This program is administered by NMC and encourages community-wide healthy living, Kent gave a tour of the Deer Brook trail to Michael Moretti, program coordinator and his write-up is forthcoming.

Moseley Parcel: The SB approved the purchase of the parcel on August 8<sup>th</sup>. An Interim management plan (IMP) was also adopted by the SB on

August 8<sup>th</sup>. VLT will be drafting the easement language for review by the town attorney. Discussion regarding the distribution of the IMP, being the document was prepared for the SB, it will be left up to them if they want to distribute it to the interested parties. At some point the parcel will need to be named.

Henley Webster Town Forest: Bill, Suz, Nancy and the town road crew installed two benches. Nancy authored a thank you note to Wesley and crew. (Attached) The trail needs some minor improvement and brush removal. Work outing TBD.

Vermont Gas: The vegetation management plan dated 1-20-14 was discussed. The company plan does not allow for non-mowing of buffers, which is not consistent with town recommendation.

**New business:** An anonymous party approached the GCC to donate a two-acre parcel of forest land near the Decker Rd. The parcel has no recorded Right of Way and would be conserved as a simple haven for wildlife and the vegetative community. It has been surveyed. After some discussion it was decided to recommend to the SB to accept the donation. Nancy moved and Rob 2<sup>nd</sup> to recommend the parcel in Book 184 pages 141-42 be accepted by the town-unanimous approval.

Flood Resilience: The GCC received a request from the municipality to host a public education meeting with ANR guidance to assist the Town in attaining a higher rating in the Flood Ready program. Chair will work with ANR to set up this program.

Continuing Education Opportunities:  
9-9-16 State government education day  
10-22-16 AVCC annual summit

**Next Meeting:** 9-19-2016

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Adjourn: 8:50

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