

Georgia Conservation Commission

Agenda April 15, 2024 – 6:30pm

Chris Letourneau Meeting Room

Minutes: March - Jen

Financial (as of 4/12/24):

CRF: (account 9-1-00-00-01.08 \$127,271

General: (account A-1-00-00-01.05 \$47,802

Line items: (account 1-7-05-80-52.00) \$4,340

Correspondence:

SB minutes:

On-going business:

1. Signs: Legal trails “No Motor Vehicle” signs received, posts and hardware needed.
2. Phragmites controls at SLW: Dennis Bianco is taking over Will Dunkley’s business, he will be in touch regarding treatment of new patch.
3. Grants:
 - a. ACRPC Assessment grant approved for gully on 104A, Task order received, Watershed Consulting Associates to proceed with the work. 1st invoice of 5K submitted to ACRPC for payment. April needs copy of the invoice.
 - b. CCRPC Falls trail final design Task Order received, Watershed Consulting Associates to proceed with the work. 1st payment received from CCRPC for the design, \$4,565.02. PHASE 1 archaeological study TBD in Spring 2024. Cost of study around \$10K. CCRPC to go back to their advisory board with this info.
4. Boardwalk at RGNA: All materials are on hand. Plan to install soon on a nice day.
5. SLW: Possible group shelterwood harvest in site #1 and Site #4. Site visit June 1st and October 11th w/Nan Patch, County Forester. Plan to purchase 1 year membership to ESRI for story map when ready to start working on it.
6. Connector trail RGNA to LT4 and bridge replacement: 2024 RTP Application submitted 2/11/24, received notice on 4/9/24 that our application was not chosen for funding. Expect to receive further feedback later this spring. Possibly use ARPA funds?
7. VLT: VLT: Caitlan C. invasive signage completed and ordered. Should have the panel by May, boot brush received and in Alysia's garage.
8. Deer Brook footbridge: Ken, Tom, and Noah winched as close to the shore as possible and tied it off.
9. Franklin County NCRD event at Arrowhead Mountain Lake: To be held 6/22/24, time TBD

New Business:

1. Description of Conservation general fund - draft
2. Possible canoe/kayak launch on Highbridge Rd?
3. Tracking trail usage at SLW and RGNA
5. Town budget revote 4/20/24
6. New date for buckthorn pulling at SLW
7. Wildflower seeds – how to distribute?

Pending items:

1. GMCC: 4 Stipends have been awarded – waiting for invoice
2. Lost Pond ROW
3. Cline Rd. LLC: Note sent to Aaron O’Grady about the possibility of conserving the parcel, 94 acres 3/1/24, left message to confirm receipt 3/21/24.

ACRONYMS

ACRPC: Addison County regional planning commission (block grant 104A gully)
AOP: Aquatic Organism Passage
ARCO: Archaeological study
AVCC: Association of Vermont Conservation Comm.(Tiny grants)
CCRPC: Chittenden County regional planning commission Basin 5 (Falls trail gully)
CREP: Conservation reserve enhancement program
CRF: Reserve Fund
GMCC: Green Mountain Conservation Camps
NRCD: Natural resources conservation district (tree sales/etc.)
NRCS: Natural resources conservation services (mostly agriculture)
NRPC: Northwest regional planning commission Basin 7-Lamoille drainage
RFP: Request for proposals
RGNA: Russell Greene Natural Area
RTP: Recreational trails program
SLW: Silver Lake Woods
TBD: To be determined
VACD: Vermont association of Conservation Districts (umbrella for all the NRCD’s)
VLT: Vermont Land Trust
VYCC: Vermont Youth Conservation Comm.(Trail building)
WCA: Watershed consulting associates