NEWBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NEWBURY, VERMONT

 Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

7:00 pm Baldwin Library Wells River, Vt.

# Minutes

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## DATE 3/8/2916

**MINUTES:** No Quorum last meeting

**REQUESTS FOR AGENDA TIME:** Bob Linck Central Vermont Director Vermont Land Trust

FINANCIAL REPORTS: NCC 2016 Budget $600.00

OLD BUSINESS:

**NCC COMMITTEES REPORTS:**

**1. Wells River Nature trails;** 2016 Projects Rebuild the trail on the meadows where Japaneses Knot Weed

 and Poison Ivy have taken over. This might be more then a Trails Day project.

**2. Cross Vermont Trail-CVT;** 2016 CVTA in a big push for our fund raising project for “

 Build the Bridge” CVTA needs to raise $125K for our match for the bridge project.

**3.Wells River Study Group;** 2016 No projects planed at this point

**4.Seasonal Projects,**

* **Paddle the boarded,** 2016 Dates: 13th Year May 22nd Spring PTB Woodsville to Bedell

 October 2nd Fall PTB Newbuiry to Bradford

* **Trails Day Work Day,** 2016 Date: June 4th. 19th year

 Trails Day needs new life, NCC will try to get the committees from Re-Newbury to help,

 and reach out to Blue Mt. and Newbury Elementary School . The Trails need work

* **Fall Foliage Bicycle Ride,** 2016 Date September 24th 19th year Good Fund raising opportunity.

 NCC biggest event of the year. Question: How can we build on this opportunity for more $$$

**5. Newbury Planning Board Update;** Mike gets Minutes from meetings, but NCC does not have a

 presents on the Board at this time, How can we become more informed [ and involved] ???

**6.Town Land Management Plan;** 2016 will be active for NCC.

 Woodchuck Mt. Could move forward this year.

The Town Forest on Stagecoach Rd now has a right a way to it [ thanks to a gracious neighbor ]

 The owners of property on Tucker Mt. Have approached the town about selling land to the town.

Things NCC could an Should do to help the town with there projects:

* Review all management plans for the towns forest and see how and where to update them
* Be prepared to help write a management plan for Woodchuck Mt.
* Write a plan to create a Town Conservation Fund, and submit it to the Selectboard
* Brainstorm Fund Raising ideas to support all NCC projects

**7. Fund Raising Projects; Brainstorm, Brainstorm, Brainstorm new ideas.**

**Web-Site**

## NEW BUSINESS:

## Bob Linck Central Vermont Director Vermont Land Trust

 Discussion on NCC involvement with possibility of the Leach family selling

 some of its property on Tucker Mountain to the Town

 Bob talked about different funding sources, and deadlines for applying for them.

 We discussed the importance of having the backing of not just the selectboard but

 also the town. This would mean that at some point the town would most likely

 have to make some financial contribution to the land purchase, and funding for

 a land management plain.

 Bob will be contacting the Selecboard soon to request time at a meeting.

 All agreed that it will be important that the selecboard knows that NCC is in

 support of this project. NCC members will plain on attending the selectboard meeting.

 There is concern among NCC members about our involvement in this project, as NCC

 has not been approached in the pass by the selectboard on other town property matters.

 **2.** Write a plan to create a Town Conservation Fund, and submit it to the Selectboard

 At this time the town has three separate accounts relating to conservation projects

* Conservation Commissions Fund raising $859.00
* Woodchuck Mt. Conservation $7,006.00
* Forest Management $2,405.00

 The question is how can these and future funds be best managed?

 Understanding that they need to be “Earmarked” for there intended needs.

NEXT TIME: April 12th at 7:pm at Baldwin Library in Wells River