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**NCC Meeting Minutes 2/13/2018**

Baldwin Library, Wells River

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**Attendees:** Mike Thomas, Ami Norton, Chelsea Lynes, Dianne Norton, & Carol Stoll.

***Financial Report:*** $600 pending Town Meeting Vote

* ***Tucker Mountain:***  There was a quick update regarding the status of Tucker Mountain.
	+ Mike stated that there had been a couple delays from the Leach Family.
	+ It was noted that the gates were up.
	+ Mike and Chelsea participated in a telephone conference earlier in the day regarding fundraising efforts for the final amounts to be raised.
* The Commission had a brief discussion about the ***CVT In Groton, Vt.*** and the town effort to classify the old rail bed (part of the Cross Vermont Trail-CVT) as a town Recreation Trail.
* ***Paddle the Border*** – there has been some interest in adding a third leg to the Paddle, which would go from Bradford to Fairlee. A general discussion ensued regarding who would be responsible, volunteers, and logistics.
	+ Could it engage people more by having a living history or agriculture component?
	+ If participation increases, there is more potential for issues with parking, portable restrooms, and utilizing the boat launches without interfering with general fishing and boating.
* ***Fundraising*** - Chelsea is researching and keeping a spreadsheet of potential grants and uses.
* ***Spring Plant Event*** – Chelsea would like to host a spring outdoor plant event at her place. She will continue to research and provide more information.
* ***Trail Forum*** – It would be nice to have a trails forum for residents to discuss local trails and assess residents’ needs to be able to utilize town properties in the best way. Points touched on were:
	+ Mapping of the properties
	+ How to get people involved
	+ How to start assessing needs
* ***Keeping Track*** type program was discussed. It would involve training and then the volunteers would be needed for one or two years to go out 4 times a year on the same transect to monitor and document habitat and wildlife use. Collected data could be used to make more informed decisions about land usage.

**Note:** The Annual Town Meeting will be held on March 6th. Brainstorming on information for NCC display.

**Next Meeting:** March 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Baldwin Library in Wells River.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Norton, NCC