

Conservation Commission Meeting

December 20, 2017

Present: Becky, Kim, Sarah

Absent: Jan, Mary, Julie, Charlie

We didn't have a quorum, so we weren't able to approve the November minutes.

Jan wasn't here to talk about the Act 171 webinar, but Kim updated us on the mapping meeting she attended at the Central VT Regional Planning Commission. Discussion was more lister-oriented, focused on map updates and compatibility issues. They looked at town websites (e.g. Calais) with links to town tax maps. One of Plainfield's listers (Sandy Ross?) was at the meeting; we could ask her about follow up actions.

Town report narrative: we reviewed Jan's draft report; Sarah compiled a list of suggested edits that she'll send on to Jan

Biofinder workshop: Mary reserved the library for our January 17 meeting. We'll warn the different location and invite the Planning Commission members to participate; workshop will begin at 7:15, our regular meeting time.

Outreach committee: Mary will be unavailable for a couple months, but Sarah & Kim will meet to talk about possible outreach actions.

(Submitted by Sarah, chair for December meeting)

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The Conservation Commission has arranged to have Monica Przyperhart from VT Fish & Wildlife come to our meeting on **Wednesday, Jan. 17th at 7:15** to teach us about the BioFinder website. BioFinder is a database & map developed by the ANR showing locations of high priority natural communities, habitats & species.

We can learn how to navigate the website on our own laptops during the workshop; we're holding this meeting at the Cutler Library because of the availability of wifi and access to library computers.

We invite any Planning Commission members interested in learning more about BioFinder to attend on the 17th.

Sarah