

WAITSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2006

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Commissioners present: Mark Grosby (chair), Paul Hartshorn, Phil Huffman, Ted Joslin, Leo Laferriere

Members of the public present: None.

The meeting began at 7:10 p.m. at the Waitsfield Town Offices.

1. Executive Session: Upon motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to go into executive session pursuant to 1 VSA 313(2) to discuss possible real estate acquisitions by the town.

2. Recreation Management on Town Lands: The Commission discussed the recent dialogue with Select Board members about the possibility of the Commission assuming responsibility for managing recreational use and maintenance of parcels not currently under its purview such as the Lareau swimming hole. Members generally agreed that the Commission does not have the capacity to take on any additional management duties in light of its existing responsibilities.

3. Mad River Valley Town Forest Field Day and Wu Ledges Trailathon: Phil Huffman provided an update on the Valley-wide town forest field day/celebration scheduled for Saturday, October 14 at the Chase Brook parcel adjacent to the Fayston Elementary School, and the "trailathon" that is being planned to collect GPS data and map trails on the Wu Ledges parcel and adjacent town lands. Mark Grosby offered to help plan the trailathon. Huffman said that the Quebec-Labrador Foundation has offered \$250 of in-kind staff assistance to help lead the trailathon as part of the participatory local mapping work they do with communities in northern New England and maritime Canada. The Commission discussed the possibility of providing funding from its budget to support either or both events, and decided to postpone a decision for the time-being until cost estimates have been developed for both events. Ted Joslin and Mark Grosby noted the potential for raising matching funds for the events from other local sources, including high-tech companies.

4. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 27, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted.

5. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2006, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip B. Huffman, Secretary