

Durham Conservation Commission

October 16, 2024; 6:30-8 pm

Attendees: Sam Cuccaro, Jess Costa, Roberta Brezinski, Michael Friendly, Jeff Tindall

Bat Detectors

- Jess reached out to Corey Stearns, the state's Bat Biologist
 - He said that while the data we collected is helpful, changes to BwH mapping are triggered by high vernacular data
 - Maine is working with Virginia Tech to incorporate bat data for BwH, could be a few years until the data is added to state maps
- RRCT is okay with us putting detectors on their properties next year. They just ask that we give them a heads up

Oak Fell Subdivision Site Walk

- Following the site walk, we will identify RP areas that overlay or are nearby to the proposed subdivision

CRP Grant Application

- Roberta and Jess attended the recent Select Board meeting to inform them that we are using GPCOG to write our updated proposal and reminded them that this is a no-match grant, and the potential funding has increased
- Kelly Renberg (GPCOG) suggested that we don't include any Scope of Work on the application and that the application should cover everything we need
- If FB Environmental can provide ~5 key points to include in the app, we can share with GPCOG
- Some grammatical changes needed in the proposal as well as a couple of other edits
- Note: \$8K is the consultant's admin budget (not the entire cost of the consulting (Jess to edit that)
- GPCOG added E3 (Watershed Plan) to the application
 - This could create/update a watershed plan, identify water quality priorities and adaptation options, management of flood areas
- Kelly also suggested a 24-month timeline instead of 12
 - Jess to confirm that we prefer the 24-month timeline

- The application doesn't mention anything about the new Agricultural Commission, would be good to get them included in the application regarding partnerships/collaborators
- Application deadline is December 17th and we'll need Jerry to sign it
 - We'll aim to have it completed by mid-November
- Roberta to identify spelling/grammatical errors in the application that should be addressed prior to submission. She will track changes in the doc for review

Upcoming Dates:

October 21st 5:00 pm Oak Fell Road subdivision site walk (parking at end of Oak Fell Road)

October 29th George to present changes to RP for review to the Select Board

November 13th Public Information Meeting about Changes to RP

No DCC November meeting