

Minutes
Cow Pasture Stewardship Committee
November 17, 2022

In attendance: Chris Russo-Fraysier, Tim Rapczynski, Jim Deshler, Janette Shaffer, Fabienne Pattison, Nicolas Storrellicastro. (5:30- 5:50)

1. **Call to order:** 5:35 p.m.
2. **Adjustments to Agenda:** Motions to move SnoBee Agenda item to first order of business (Chris) and add Hunting Season Communication as an Agenda Item (Janette). All in favor motion passes.

3. Agenda Items:

Approval of Minutes- 9-15-2022. Motion moved Janette, 2nd Tim. All in favor -motion passes.
SnoBees- Motion (Chris) to use Semprebon Cow Pasture Fund to provide a \$100.00 donation to the SnoBees to cover equipment maintenance for brush-hogging completed in October. 2nd-Janette. All in favor-motion passes. Council approved SnoBees Agreement (Consent Agenda item). The Agreement is part of the Council package and can be found on-line as part of the 11-15-2022 City Council Meeting Minutes. It was noted that Contact information for SnoBees and Committee/City need to be verified/updated and distributed. Chris will update the Committee/City contact list and reach out to Snobees to verify that last year's information is current. It was also noted that the gate by the Sugarwoods was unlocked but not secured opened/secured and signs had not been installed.

Committee Member Resignation/Recruitment: Fab Pattison will be resigning from the Committee when her term expires at the end of the year. She will continue to maintain the bluebird boxes and help with other activities as a "Friend" of the Committee. Discussion on ideal Committee number, rules on passing motions, ideal member qualities and outreach to individuals and Community discussed. Questions raised: What is the required number of members (if any) and number of members needed to pass a motion if there is an even number of members (there will be 5 Committee members remaining); is the City Representative (Nicolas Storrellicastro) considered a voting member or function as a tie breaker? Tim will follow-up on these questions and inquire about what actions will be taken by the City to recruit new members when terms expire at the end of the year. Committee outreach was encouraged.

Council Presentation -2022 Accomplishments/Annual Report: Chris will Draft for Committee Review. Tim and Janette have volunteered to edit and present to City Council. Target date is January 2023- ideally after Grant Agreement is received and being presented for Council approval.

Cow Pasture Walks-Educational Outreach: Primary 2023 Committee focus will be the execution of the ERSA Grant Agreement. There will be opportunities to invite/engage the public/Council in 2023 on the grant and work being completed.

Hunting Season Notice: Chris will request a laminated poster from Roxanne and post at the kiosk. Tim will post on Facebook and send the notice to Nicolas who will have Roxanne post on FPF.

Updates:

- ERSA Grant- Recent communication with FPR- new target date for receipt of the Grant Agreement is by the end of 2022.

- Training (City Hybrid Meeting Equipment) - Janette has contacted Rick Taft to arrange a time for training. She will reach out to Jim and see if he is available for the training time and will train interested Committee Members.
- Central Vermont Career Center- Outreach: Stephanie Olsen responded to an email and is looking forward to partnering with the Committee in the Spring of 2023.
- T-shirts- on hold

Meeting adjourned: 6:46 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

January 19, 2023

March 16, 2023

May 18, 2023

July 20, 2023

September 21, 2023

November 16, 2023