

**Cabot Conservation Committee**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**February 13, 2023**

Present: Gary Gulka, Roland Payne, Jr., Dawn Andrews, Cedric Alexander

Next Meeting: **March 13 , 7:00 PM**

Draft minutes of January 9 approved with one typographical correction.

Public Comment

No public comment

Project Updates

Shrub and Tree Sale is underway. About 35 online orders and only a few mail orders. Sale ends March 10. We will continue advertising the sale.

Weed wrench (Pullerbear) has arrived at Town Clerk's office and Gary will pick it up.

Clark Sawmill Dam – There was a meeting of the workgroup in January. Next steps are to get an appraisal of the property- 1.7 acres, owned by Ed Larson, and to meet with ANR's Brownfields Program to better understand landowner liability issues on contaminated properties that meet state standards after remediation. This property has petroleum contamination on the west side of the river that has been reviewed by ANR – it requires no remediation of soil contamination for non-residential property uses.

Public Safety Building Site – Gary has been in communication with Dean Deasy about the proposed site of the new Public Safety Building and has spoken with the environmental consultant that will be examining potential soil contamination this spring when underground tanks are removed and the building slab is removed. Gary has indicated to Dean that he is confident that the consultant will be able to advise the Public Safety Building Committee on any needed actions, such as further site evaluation/ investigation. Gary requested to be notified when site work commences, so he can be present.

Public Outreach and Event Planning – Winter tracking event is planned for February 19, 1 pm at McQueeney Trails. Gary will advertise again and send around a map of the trails. Bear Aware Vermont event is scheduled for March 23, 7 pm, at the library. We will plan ash tree management workshop at our next meeting, as well as bird walk and other spring events.

Natural Communities Study – Gary will request to be on the agenda for the February 21 Select Board meeting to discuss the status of funding for the continuation of the natural communities study. Although funding was approved, it was not included on the town's list of approved projects. This concern has been communicated to the Select Board. Gary has been in communication with Matt Peters about the scope of work and Matt would be available to bid on the project.