

## **Cabot Conservation Committee**

### **Draft Meeting Minutes**

**October 9, 2023**

Present: Chris Duff, Gary Gulka, Roland Payne, Jr., Dawn Andrews

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

Draft minutes of September 11 approved without changes.

#### Public Comment

None

#### Project Updates

Conservation plant sale – no update on next year’s sale

Flood Resiliency Task Force – Gary and Chris Tormey have walked sections of the tributary that drains to the culvert by the Cabot Garage and Willey Building. We plan to walk it on October 11 with Thomas Dunbar’s Winooski River class. Two advisors have been invited – Ned Swanberg and Brian Voigt. Chris Tormey and Gary will try to meet with SLR consultants when they come to Cabot to begin a discussion of an alternatives analysis for flood mitigation. On October 14, we plan to walk sections of the other tributary, starting at Taylor Way.

Municipal Planning Grant – Peg Elmer Hough, Dawn, and Gary met to discuss the possibility of applying for a Municipal Planning Grant for flood resiliency studies. We decided that we did not have a clearly defined scope of work, funding is competitive and limited, and there is not enough time to prepare a proposal.

It was suggested that we need to think outside the box to reduce upstream stormwater flows. Methods will be very site specific, and the final remedy will be complex.

Town Plan Review – we should review the Natural Heritage section of the Town Plan and begin a discussion at our November meeting. Gary will send out a link.

#### Public Outreach and Event Planning

Gary will contact Tyler Brown to arrange a winter date for a beaver presentation.

Suggestion that we start posting more educational materials on the town web site, including videos and articles.

Gary will write an article for the Chronicle about the Flood Resiliency Task Force.

#### New Business

None