

Conservation Commision Draft Minutes 10 September 2022

Meeting began at 8 AM

Present: Christopher Caron, Jennifer Caron, Chelsea Petereit, and Rachel O'Meara

We decided to change our meetings to bi-monthly on the first Thursdays from 5-6 pm. Our next meeting will be November 3 at 5 pm.

Chelsea reported that the State has now put up signs acknowledging the "Friends of Stratford" adopting Rt 3 for clean-up from Williams Rd to the southern point of Old Mill Rd. She has not received any notification otherwise. The State has just thoroughly cleaned up a portion of this. We will advertise when we will be picking litter, and hopefully others may join us.

Recycling: Jenny ordered 2 new signs for the transfer station; she will look into more signage. We will all try to bring in new information for next meeting.

NRI: We have enough funds to do a comprehensive NRI and begin the RFP process. Chris will draft a document for the RFP. We discussed what we wanted the NRI to include and concentrate on. We would like it to be a useful tool and friendly for all citizens of the town to use. We would like to own our maps, and continue mapping for at least the next five years to see the effects of land use changes and climate changes. We would like to include historic land use data, and be able to produce flyers that summarize the NRI results. Chris shared an NRI from NY State and we also discussed the Lancaster and Bethlehem NRIs. We all would be able to help in field work, and would try to involve other townspeople, as we go through the NRI process. We agreed that sending RFPs to the most local companies would be the best strategy.

The Town website is being overhauled and we discussed ways that we could enhance our presence there.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted

Rachel O'Meara