

Conservation & Trails Committee. (CTC)
Essex Town Office, 81 Main Street, Essex, Vermont

DMinutes: Tuesday 12/12/2023

Attendance: Ken Signorello (Chair), Shannon Jackson (Vice Chair), Kent Johnson, Morgan Kirk
(Clerk), Betsy Dunn, April Petersen, Bino Cummings, Erin De Vries (remote)

Absent: Steve Dowd, and Rusty Brink.

Meeting called to order by Ken Signorello at 6:32PM

1. AGENDA CHANGES AND APPROVAL

No changes

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Kent reports that the Colonel Page project is being removed and going back to the
drawing board.

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Adopt Nov. 14 CTC meeting minutes
-Request to add line items to minutes.

Betsy: moves

Ken: seconds

Vote (y/n): 7/0

- b. Discussion and approval of a CTC letter of Support for the VOREC grant

Group goes over plan that Bino put together and made some changes
Quoted to cost \$40,000-\$80,000 to put together through a reimbursement grant.

Motion to approve VOREC support memo

April: moves

Betsy: seconds

Vote: 7/0

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding CTC recommendations for revisions to
landscaping requirements in the Zoning and/or Subdivision Regulations

Betsy presents this documentation.

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43 -Committee agrees to review this proposal and revise before approving.

44 Betsy will meet with Kent to go over current regulations and will cite sources.

45 Betsy will present this revised version in two months.

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47 d. Discussion and possible action regarding CTC recommended additions to the draft
48 2024 Town Plan regarding agricultural land

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50 Ken presents on this

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52 Proposal to approve action items 8.4 and 8.5

53 Bino: moves

54 Betsy: Seconds

55 Vote (y/n): 7/0

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57 5. READING FILE

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59 a. Work Plan

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61 Additional CTC Comments:

62 -May have an open position in the CTC.

63 -Committee members have the option to show up at the next meeting at 6:00PM (no quorum
64 needed) to go over google drive organization.

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66 6. ADJOURN at 8:01pm

67 Shannon: moves

68 Betsy: seconds

69 Vote (y/n): 7/0