

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

Minutes: Tuesday 01/09/2024

6 Meeting called to order: 6:33PM

7 Attendance: Ken Signorello (Chair), Shannon Jackson (Vice Chair), Morgan Kirk (Clerk), Kent
8 Johnson, Rusty Brink, Bino Cummings, Betsy Dunn, Erin De Vries, Steve Dowd, April Petersen.

9 Members of the public attendance: Jean MacBride, Jean O'Sullivan, anonymous person (N),
10 Patti Davis (7 mins late)

11 1. AGENDA CHANGES AND APPROVAL

12 Move AARP to action Item A

13 Ken:Moves

14 Betsy: Seconds

15 Vote (y/n): 9/0

16 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

17 None

18 3. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

19 a. 60 Colonel Page - Sketch Review

20 -Kent reports:

21 New sketch level with site plan.

22 Kent will accept comments to pass along before the next CTC meeting
23 (February)

24 4. ACTION ITEMS

25 a. AARP Walk Audit Tool Kit (Jean to report)

26 -Kent reported on this; Jean unavailable via virtual comment. -Jean
27 becomes available and helps explain the program. Community assessment on suggestions for
28 additions to trails and pathways. It presents an opportunity to reach out to the community, to
29 create a group for ideas and input, next step would then be to for a grant.

30 Link to brochure:

31 <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/getting-around/aarp-walk-audit-tool-kit.html>

32 b. Adopt Dec. 12 CTC meeting minutes

33 -Minutes didn't make it into the Agenda packet, we will review it as a committee next
34 meeting; in February.

35 c. Discuss and approve CTC annual report

36 -Committee went over annual report, put together by Kent, on what CTC has done in the
37 previous year as well as including projects in the beginning stages of planning.

38 Shannon: Moves to have this approved by Thursday

39 Steve: Seconds

40 Vote (y/n): 9/0

41 5. REPORTS/ DISCUSSION

42 a. Arbor Day report

43 -Ken has nothing to report at the moment; will be reviewed in the next agenda.

44 c. Consideration of splitting the CTC into a separate trail group and conservation group

45 -Consider splitting CTC into two separate groups and bring one additional person
46 to have one group work of conservation and the other, trails; this would allow more time to
47 commit to our causes.

48 6. READING FILE

49 -Add content to the reading file to share and archive through the committee

50 a. Wildlife crossing project

51 b. VOREC grant submission

52 1. Member comments:

53 -Betsy summarizes results of survey regarding stipend.

54 7. ADJOURN at 7:52PM

55 Betsy: Moves

56 Morgan: Seconds

57 Vote (y/n): 9/0

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