**NCC Meeting Minutes 10/10/2017**

Baldwin Library, Wells River

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**Attendees:** Mike Thomas, Dianne Norton, & Carol Stoll. Chelsea Lynes, via phone, for part of the mtg.

**Minutes:** The minutes of 9/12/17 were approved with the removal of “unofficial with no quorum”.

**Financial:** Mike presented a report of the budget to date, listing expenses and income.

**Seasonal Project Updates:**

* ***Paddle the Border -*** There was a turnout of about 100 boats for a beautiful afternoon. NCC members had a coffee stand for the first time. It was decided to table this review until next mtg. with Chelsea.
* ***Fall Bike Ride -*** There was a good turnout (35+ riders), even though the weather wasn’t perfect. It was noted that it was difficult to project food requirements. The amount of donations totaled $142.00.

**Other Business:**

* ***Woodchuck Mountain:*** The news of the town possibly not accepting the Woodchuck propertywas discussed. Mike discussed the work done on this project over the past 17 years. The potential for income, as well as issues and possible expenses were touched on. Mike initiated contact with Alma regarding this.
* ***Tucker Mountain:***  Mike shared a list of people on the Interim Planning Committee.
  + Carol raised the question of how the Committee was selected in view of so much interest and the unique qualifications of some interested parties in working with conserved land. She will attend the SB meeting tomorrow night to pose this question.
  + The Commission expressed disappointment over not being able to work with the new Committee on this after spending much time researching, gathering information, working with the Land Trust and interested townspeople, taking surveys, etc. We feel we have much insight to share on questions that will arise.
  + It feels like we are a resource that could have perhaps been better utilized in the effort and in view of the very tight timeline to continue with grants and funding.
* ***Bylaws:*** Mike sent the Commission bylaws to members. Discussion ensued regarding…
  + Officers and clarification of electing at the beginning of each year.
  + Clarification of quorum and possible Commission membership.
  + Responsibilities, according to the bylaws, and concern that we did not seem to be involved in the way suggested on things like Woodchuck or Tucker Mts.
    - Dianne questioned if there were reasons, or a past history, that were hampering our role, and what might be done to improve communication or collaboration. She will attend the SB meeting tomorrow night to try to clarify the role of the Commission and any ways to improve communication and use.
* ***Grant Writing:*** Carol brought up, on behalf of Chelsea, RTP grants (due December 1st) that we should be considering to be used for things like events, trails, or kiosks. This will be discussed in more detail.

**Next Meeting:** November 14th at 7:00 pm at the Baldwin Library in Wells River.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Norton, NCC