

Minutes Cow Pasture Stewardship Committee
Thursday March 17, 2022
5:30-6:30 P.M.

In attendance: Chris Russo -Fraysier, Tim Rapczynski, Jim Deschler, Janette Shaffer, Fabienne Pattison, Marc Cote.

Guests: Ellen Kaye, Daniel Owezarski (Equity Committee Members) and Steph Olsen (Spaulding Exploratory Tech. Co-Teacher).

Call to order: 5:41 p.m.

Adjustments to Agenda: Rearrange agenda items. Moved Tim. Seconded-. All in Favor- motion passes

Approval of Minutes (1-20-2022). Moved-Fab. Seconded-Chris. All in favor- motion passes.

Agenda Items:

1. **Resignation** of Carl-Hilton-VanOsdall-Accepted. Janette and Jim volunteered to share Secretary position previously shared by Carl and Fab.
2. **Barre City Equity Committee**-Equity Assessment Tool Presentation -Ellen Kaye, Daniel Owezarski. The 7-member Committee is appointed by Council. The Equity Tool is designed to help remove barriers by structural changes, especially as they relate to policy. Barre City statistics and statistics of demographics (i.e. income and race) as they relate to time spent in nature were provided along with suggestions on how the Committee can work toward being more inclusive to under-represented visitors to the Pasture. Committee identified ways we can improve on outreach, including meeting with groups, use of logo to lead people from downtown, way-finding signage, sponsored walks and building school/classroom relationship. Diversity and Equity Tool Presentation: <https://arcg.is/0bOSLD>
3. **Central Vermont Carrier Center**- Steph Olsen solsecvcc@buusd.org is part of the Exploratory curriculum. Her focus on Math and Science and she has field experience and skill set to guide students in a variety of Projects and field work. This semesters class is comprised of 21- 9th and 10th grade students that would be available to assist with projects in the mornings. Semester ends June 14th, Class time is 8:22- 12:30, however students would need to walk from Spaulding, leaving approximately 3.5 hours of time in the Pasture. A continuation of the Committee work on invasive was determined to be an easy project for this year.
Tim- suggested, Janette moved a Motion to form a sub-Committee to work with Steph for this years' Project. Seconded -Tim. All in favor. Fab and Marc volunteered to assist. Tim will propose possible dates/times for a walk in the Pasture with Steph to discuss target areas/species for invasive removal.
4. **ERSA Grant**- As of 3-17-2022 FPR had not sent the City (Janet Shatney) the Grant Agreement. Janet reached out to FPR on March 17th. The Agreement needs to be received prior to the ERSA Grant being approved by City Council or moving forward on Grant action items. Ford (seller) will be kept up-to-date on the required process. Sub-Committee will be Meeting March 24, 2022.
ERSA Trail Grant Application as submitted 11-29-21. The doc summarizes everything https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yFqpg_AlbtVB5_prGm5d829Ltnzes5ea?usp=sharing
5. **Green-Up Day May 7th** . Committee will not invite the Public but bring friends and family to assist in trail and invasive work.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Important Dates/Meetings 2022
5:30-6:30 p.m., locations TBD
May 7, 2022- Green-Up Day
March 24, 2022- ERSA Grant Sub-Committee Meeting
Upcoming Meetings 2022
• May 19 • July 21 • September 15 • November 17