

Sharon Conservation Commission
Minutes of meeting 05-13-24

Attending : Luis Bango, Sam Brakeley, Scott Chesnut , Erik Skarsten , Dick Ruben , Mike Zwickelmaier

- 1) Discussed Green Up Day – it was a successful event and the after party went well working with Sharon Connects community group. We collected 5700lbs of tires (many from the town garage, which the town will pay for), we collected 7560lbs of scrap metal and filled a town truck with 1720 lbs of roadside trash. Thanks to volunteers and the Town Road Crew for your help. We discussed how to “change “ Green Up Day , decrease the amount of littering , some sort of advertising , how to change peoples attitudes about littering . Also discussed how to offer folks assistance getting rid of trash.
- 2) Discussed the status of the project at the RT 14 White River Access site , WRP questioning permission needed to work on site , Vt Trans owns the site but the Sharon Conservation Commission was given control of the site to develop it following Vt Trans regulations . Scott will look for original agreement to provide to the WRP.
- 3) Discussed the Ranger Gravel-Dirt Road race that will pass thru Sharon on June 9th, Luis mentioned that they need some volunteers to work where the route is briefly on Beaver Meadow rd, to help with traffic and direct riders onto Carpenter rd. There may be a chance to get a donation to the SCC or other non profits in town .
- 4) Discussed future role of SCC , suggestions included educational programs for schools and presentations on environmental subjects for the community during winter months. We also discussed trying to provide more opportunities for recreational activities and providing hiking/walking trails in town and approaching the Downer Forest Folks about keeping some of the winter recreation trails open for all seasons. We are still working with the WRP on improving White River access sites in on Rt 14. We discussed maintenance of existing trails , river sites and plantings on Town property , and helping with trail work, and invasive removal in the Ashley Forest.
- 5) Next will be Monday June 10th , 6:00pm at Town Hall ,we discussed visiting some of past SCC project sites to be decided later .