

12/17/25 WCC Meeting

Present: Kirsten Tyler (RKT), Elias Rosenblatt (ER), Sarah Pinto (SEP)

November meeting minutes approved

Public Comment: None

Guests: Logan Devaney, grant advisor

Wetlands Legislation - State proposal is to reduce buffer zones depending on class of wetlands. WNRCD has asked for comment.

WCC is strongly opposed to the idea that undiscovered wetlands would not receive any protection, and be exempt from requiring state permits. Because they're not discovered doesn't mean that they don't need protection.

Logan Devaney - has experience with grants through the Lake Champlain Basin Program, We can get grants and parse out the project into small chunks so we don't overextend ourselves.

Champlain Valley National Heritage Membership could give up to \$40K for a project.

RKT reviewed the Kyle Buck letter with Logan to inform him of the potential projects.

Logan suggests mapping of Westford and then identifying areas of action. We would also have maps for future use.

Logan explained the ins and outs of grant funding.

Idea to have Kyle Buck's project be a more specific map of Westford that identifies all the topics in Kyle's letter: invasive species, flood and natural disaster resiliency, amphibians, vernal pools.

RKT mentioned that we have reached out to landowners about, e.g., buffer plantings, and how we got no reaction from the townspeople. How do we reach them? Logan offered some ideas as to getting people enthused.

SEP will thank Westford Senior Citizens for donation in memory of Maurice Rathbun.

SEP moves to adjourn, ER seconds, all approved

Next meeting January 21, 2026 6:00 PM