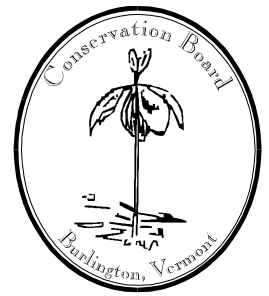


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Open Space Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2021 at 5:00 PM

645 Pine Street, Main Conference Room or via Zoom

Present: Dan Cahill, Elizabeth Cunningham, Rebecca Roman, Zoe Richards, Scott Gustin, VJ Comai

I. Public Comment

None.

II. Project Updates

Dan Cahill suggested this meeting as a strategy session for the anticipated January BCB agenda item about trees. ZR do we want a canopy cover goal? VJ said there's a 50% canopy goal. He noted a goal of planting 588 trees a year to get there. VJ noted an aerial tree canopy study from about 12-13 years ago. At that time, canopy was 38%. Since then, it has increased to 42%. The city has a plan in place. We need to take care of the trees we have. We need to update the city's tree ordinance – Chapter 28 of the city's code of ordinances. A draft revision has been put together by VJ. The Urban Forestry Master Plan is in need of updating – needs consultant. ZR, can we outline a discussion of the 50% goal? Is it the right target? What are the goals for the trees, what do they do for the city? What's their role along the shorelines? Others? Who should be in these discussions? How do we move ahead with collective action to address these goals? ZR will draft an outline for January's discussion and circulate. RR, highlight areas where we don't want to lose canopy cover (public, private, institutional). ZR, what does canopy cover look like as part of redevelopment?

III. Other Business

None.

IV. Adjournment

5:30 PM.

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