

## **Albemarle County Natural Heritage Committee Meeting, 2014.01.05**

Present: Anne Bedarf, Lonnie Murray, Tom Olivier, Tom Torrance, Devin Floyd, Peggy Cornett.  
Planning Commission Liaison: Karen Firehock.  
Public: Ruth Douglas.

**Budget Request.** Submitted by Tom Olivier, approved by the Committee. Any remaining suggestions should go to Tom within three days.

**Minutes** from last month were approved.

**Intern.** Next meeting we'd like an update on intern hours and progress.

**Landscape Committee.** Karen Firehock. Scott is working on the base map of habitats. Karen's class has presented a model to Scott.

**Wegman's Clearing for 5th Street Station.** Devin tried to do an evaluation / rescue but did not receive a positive response. Perhaps plant rescue could be included as a proffer credit. It was offered to the developer to bring the plants back to the site after the development, and to donate to local schools. Devin will work on a solution. It will be interesting to see how the landscape analysis will identify plots such as this.

### **Field Trip Possibilities**

Fan Mountain. Tom will have to reach out to Calhoun family. April 25, 26, May 2, 3. Would like to have summary/photos of previous visits with Tom Dierauf; Tom will distribute. This will be a visit during a new season and a higher altitude.

Other sites? **Committee members to review and come up with potential sites. Check the "Biodiversity Site Status" Google Doc at**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AkTGijqgoIX3rIYNhQjEp1WbWuxD7Pmi25Mf2x4Z4Ws/edit?usp=sharing>

For new sites: NHC members propose it to the Committee. We should explore an informal ranking system.

Will have to advertise more than 1 week ahead if more than 2 attend Committee members.

Anne will send reminder to Chris Gensic regarding the Ragged Mountain BioBlitz.

**Review of qGIS.** Tom provided a demo of this useful software.

### **Next meetings:**

- February 2 (Anne will miss)
- March 2
- April 6
- May 4
- June 1
- July 6
- August 3
- September 14

- October 5
- November 2
- December 7