

The Montpelier Conservation Commission invites members of the City Council, the Montpelier Department of Public Works and the general public to a presentation by U-32 Environmental Studies Students of the results of their study of chloride levels in snow banks in the Montpelier area. A representative from the VTrans environmental section will discuss alternatives that can help ameliorate the effects of road salts on our riparian areas and streams. The Commission would also like to facilitate a discussion about methods to mitigate damage caused by beavers on riparian plantings along the Main Stem of the Winooski, which might include lethal control (trapping). Representatives from the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Nature Conservancy have been invited.

When: January 14, 2010

Where: City Council Chambers and the Memorial Room, City Hall

Schedule:

6:30 Informal presentation of sampling methods, results of research by U-32 students

7:00 Welcome, announcements, and approval of minutes from our December meeting

7:05 Summary of chloride study research

7:20 Presentation by a representative from Vtrans Environmental section

7:40 Discussion

8:00 Presentation by Parks Director Geoff Beyer about riparian restoration and the extent of damage caused by beaver activity

8:15 Comments by F & W and/or TNC about their experience with beaver damage to restoration efforts and possible methods of control.

8:30 Discussion

9:00 Adjourn