

Meeting Minutes Conservation Commission 2014-08-21 4 pm Town Hall FINAL, APPROVED VERSION

Present: Seth Bigelow, Priscilla Grayson

Meeting convened at 4:05 pm.

- Minutes of June 10th, 2014 meeting read and approved
- Minutes of July 15th, 2014 meeting read and approved
- Report on discussion with town Select board, July 24th: select board declined to request development of Comfort Forest management plan, and Conservation Commission determined to take no further action on management planning unless directed to in writing by the Select board. It was noted that the Select Board was considering the sale of the Comfort Forest. The Conservation Commission recommends a policy of no net loss of town forest acreage, and requests that any proceeds from sale of town forest be placed in a reserve fund pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Â§ 2804 (general statute authorizing reserve funds) pending identification of replacement town forest acreage.
- A resolution of appreciation for Chrystal Cleary's service to Conservation Commission was made.
- The Select board identified a need for a resource assessment of the Wendy Evarts forest. Forest boundary assessment of Wendy Evarts Forest will take place on Thursday 28th Aug, 2014; Priscilla and Seth will attend if possible.
- Pitcher Forest. Seth will remove several down logs from the trail. Plaque has not yet been re-engraved with new wording requested by Anna Dibble -- Seth will do this.
- Conservation Commission Facebook page: Seth will maintain page with occasional postings
- Recruiting new members for Conservation Commission. In view of low pool of potential members of town-resident Conservation Commission members, and the need to represent interests of second-home owners, the Commission will ask the select board to amend their statement of purpose for the Conservation Commission to allow appointment of non-resident Landgrove property owners to the commission.
- Utley Brook Restoration Project: remains tabled.
- Finances: The Conservation Fund. Apparently a sum of money originally subscribed to assist purchase of conservation easements along Utley Brook still exists. The original letter raising the money states 'any surplus above the amount needed for the preservation of the Utley Flats lands will remain in the Conservation Fund for future projects'. Priscilla will contact Louise Martin regarding this money, since she recently inquired about it and it was the Martin land that was protected under the conservation easements.
- Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday Sept. 23, 2014 at 4:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.