

Minutes of the Thetford Conservation Commission – 28 January 2015 at 7:15 PM

Present: Li Shen, Skip Sturman, Bob Pulaski, Jason Berard, Libby Chapin, Ann Lavanway

Absent: Jeff Smith, Connie Snyder

1. Minutes from the 1/14/15 meeting were approved as amended.
2. Li reminded the Commission of the informational meeting and discussion in West Fairlee about *E.coli* contamination of the Ompompanoosuc River in West Fairlee. The meeting will be held on February 5th at 6:30PM at the West Fairlee town offices. Speakers include staff scientists from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, the White River Natural Resources Conservation District, and Vermont Association of Conservation Districts.
3. The Commission talked about possible topics for this year's education events.
4. The Commission talked about the current board vacancy.
5. There will be a tour of the Hughes Forest logging operation on Saturday, February 7, 10AM until 12PM. Ehrhard Frost will lead the tour. Li will post an announcement on the Thetford listserv.
6. Jason reported UVLT's next steps at the newly conserved Ely Mountain including the construction of a parking lot.
7. The Commission will work on collating information from recent conservation projects to assist with future projects.
8. We will set up a display at town meeting. The display will include photos and information about the 2014 educational events, information from the meeting about *E.coli* contamination and a fluvial erosion hazard map.
9. The Vermont Center for Ecostudies is working on a vernal pool survey and they would like to collect data on the vernal pool on Hughes Forest. The Commission voted to let VCE collect vernal pool data on Hughes Forest.
10. Members voted to appoint Jason as Vice Chair of the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

Reminder that Commission members should let Li know ahead of time if they cannot attend the next Conservation Commission meeting, so that she may plan accordingly.

Our next meeting is 11 February 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lavanway