

Minutes of the Thetford Conservation Commission –12 February 2014 at 7:15 PM

Present: Li Shen, Bob Pulaski, Skip Sturman, Jason Berard, Eric Pyle, Ann Lavanway

Absent: Libby Chapin, Connie Snyder, Jeff Smith

1. Minutes from January 22, 2014 were approved as amended.
2. Skip and Jason gave an overview on the UVLT Meeting of Conservation Commissions held February 4th. The meeting was about the results of a study by the UVM Gund Institute on the economic contribution of floodplains.
3. Skip spoke with Jeanie McIntrye from UVLT about attending one of our meetings. Li will contact Jeanie.
4. Skip gave the Commission an update on the educational events for the “Year of Water.” There is likely to be a program for children that will involve the Silvio Conte Watershed on Wheels and events about Hurricane Irene.
5. Bob Pulaski approved reimbursing Li for \$53 for ten Birdsbesafe cat collar covers. We will need to buy ten break-away cat collars for the covers.
6. The Town Meeting display will include information about the Birdsbesafe collars and the huge impact cats have on bird populations. The ten collars will be given away at the display. The display will also include photos of Commission’s 2013 activities. Jason will collect the photographs and ask Tracy to print them. Li will put up a fluvial erosion map.
7. Bill Shepard has finished the birdhouses.
8. The Select Board is scheduled to discuss the Taylor Floodplain Preserve management plan next Monday.
9. Skip talked about some possible crown jewel walk locations for this year.
10. Li will contact Hughes Forest abutters to let them know that we will be refreshing the blazes on the boundaries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

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

Our next meeting is February 26, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Lavanway