Minutes of the Thetford Conservation Commission –9 April 2014 at 7:15 PM Present: Li Shen, Connie Snyder, Bob Pulaski, Skip Sturman, Jason Berard, Eric Pyle, Jeff Smith, Ann Lavanway

Absent: Libby Chapin

- 1. Minutes from 26 February 2014 were approved as amended.
- 2. Minutes from 26 March 2014 were approved as amended.
- 3. Bob and Li will ask the Select Board to reappoint them to the Commission.
- 4. The Commission elected officers: Li Shen, Chair, Eric Pyle, Vice Chair, Bob Pulaski, Treasurer, Ann Lavanway, Secretary.
- 5. Commission members discussed the education program on Hurricane Irene.
- 6. The Commission approved the invoice from VINS for \$100 for the program on Hurricane Irene.
- 7. Skip suggested that the Commission follow up on education programs with more community education. Li will write something to put on the listserve.
- 8. Li gave an overview of the topics covered at the Municipal Day training on Vermont Ecology and Town Planning.
- 9. Connie gave an update on the bird walk. It is scheduled for 7:30AM on May 17<sup>th</sup> on the Taylor Floodplain Preserve.
- 10. The next education event will be a vernal pool walk in West Fairlee.
- 11. Jason walked the proposed town trail from Thetford Hill to Thetford Center.
- 12. The Commission requested that the proposed town trail be surveyed by a biologist before trail construction begins. The survey would help identify rare plants and sensitive areas on or near the trail. Li will contact the Select Board and try to find a biologist to do the survey.
- 13. The Commission will discuss re-blazing Hughes boundaries at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

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 23 April 2014.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Lavanway