

Minutes of the Thetford Conservation Commission – November 11, 2015 - Draft

Present: Jason Berard, Li Shen, Libby Chapin, Skip Sturman, Steve Lehman, Ann Lavanway

Absent: Connie Snyder, Jeff Smith, Bob Pulaski

Guest: Jim McCracken, Jeanie McIntyre

1. The minutes from the October 28th meeting were approved as amended.
2. UVLT has been talking with the Vermont Center for Ecostudies about working together on grassland projects. The Center has created a brochure on managing grasslands. The Center may also be coming up with a brochure on pollinators.
3. UVLT is interested in conserving the small piece of land between Zebedee and the Pomeroy's. The land is owned by the Thetford Hill Water Co-op. UVLT would help the water co-op conserve the land and the Pomeroy's would buy the land. UVLT would have a trail easement on the property.
4. Jeannie talked about projects in the pipeline.
5. Li talked about the signs needed for PMNA and the DeCola wetland. She will order the signs.
6. Li and Connie walked the Taylor Floodplain Forest. Li will be working with Ehrhard to treat some of the largest buckthorns on the parcel.
7. Libby talked about coordinating a town-wide plan for treating invasive plants. She talked about getting neighborhoods to work on eliminating invasive plants in their areas. One idea is to identify someone in the neighborhood to take the lead. Another idea is to create a map and have people sign up to treat areas. The plan may include asking VTrans to mow early along Rt. 113 and Rt. 5.
8. The Commission will consider asking the Select Board to pay for treating the phragmites patches around town.
9. Jason gave an overview of his visit to Jim Kennedy's property in Etna. Mr. Kennedy is managing his land for pollinators.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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 December 9, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Lavanway