

Minutes of the Thetford Conservation Commission – 13 November 2013 at 7:15 PM

Present: Li Shen, Jason Berard, Bob Pulaski, Jeff Smith, Libby Chapin, Connie Snyder, Ann Lavanway

Absent: Eric Pyle, Skip Sturman

Guest: Mike Pomeroy

1. Minutes from the 10-09-13 meeting were approved.
2. Libby gave a report on the "Have to Have a Habitat" event on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 140 people attended and about 50 of the attendees were children. The Commission discussed possible types of future events such as holding events in the schools during school hours.
3. Libby gave a report on the Mary Holland event on October 24<sup>th</sup>. We received a lot of good feedback from the talk. Approximately 130 people attended. Jason mentioned that for future years it would be nice to have a mix of events with paid speakers and local speakers.
4. Li told the group about a meeting on the Stewardship Network in New England that she attended. The Network is charged with finding a way to make the best use of volunteers for land stewardship. UNH received two grants to try to increase good stewardship of lands by making volunteers more available.
5. There is ~\$150 left in the budget. We will buy supplies for signs at the Taylor Floodplain Preserve with this money.
6. Jeff spoke about the re-routing of the snowmobile trail on the Taylor Floodplain Preserve. The Taylor allowed the trail to be relocated to the Crossroad Farm property.
7. Kevin O'Hara from the Thetford Planning Commission is working with Two Rivers Ottawaquechee to bring a program called Sustaining Natural Resources through Land Planning to Thetford on January 14, 2014.
8. Li gave an update on the Hughes Forest timber bid. The contract was awarded to Dan Clark of Warren, NH. Logging is expected to start in 2014-2015.
9. Mike suggested that we work with the Snowcoasters to re-route the snowmobile trail on Hughes Forest while the logging is happening.
10. Li gave an update on the Crossroad Farm conservation project. We are close to meeting our fundraising goal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

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 December 11, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Lavanway