

Minutes of the Thetford Conservation Commission – April 27, 2016\_draft

Present: Li Shen, Bob Pulaski, Libby Chapin, Jim McCracken, Jeff Smith, Connie Snyder, Steve Lehman, Ann Lavanway

Absent: Jason Berard

Guests: Sue Fritz, Ehrhard Frost

1. Li and Connie reminded the group of the May 14<sup>th</sup> bird walk on the Taylor Floodplain Preserve with Dr. George Clark.
2. Libby and Jim said that the invasive plant workshop with Susan Spinney will be 2PM-4PM on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
3. The group reviewed the areas that will be scouted for garlic mustard and discussed strategies for marking areas.
4. Libby and Jim will work on a document that will be used to notify landowners about garlic mustard seen on their property.
5. Jim will send iMap instructions to the group.
6. Connie talked with Tim Taylor about the mowing at PMNA. The Commission will discuss the scope and timing of the mowing at a future meeting.
7. Ehrhard spoke with the group about the dam that is partly on the Town Forest. The Commission approved the following motion: The Commission accepts roughly Ehrhard's plan C to convey approximately 2-3 acres of Town Forest land to the owner of the pond in exchange for surveying and legal costs. The Commission will submit the approved recommendation to the Select Board.
8. Ehrhard reported on the Town Forest timber harvest. Jeff and Ehrhard talked about the current wood product market in this area. The total income from the harvest was \$7,693.67. Harvesting will continue next winter.
9. Ehrhard gave a summary of possible management projects for town-owned property for 2016. He has asked the Commission to give him priorities and he will work up estimates for the work.
10. There will not be a Commission meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

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 May 25, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Lavanway