

Minutes of the Thetford Conservation Commission – 13 May 2015 at 7:15 PM

Present: Li Shen, Bob Pulaski, Skip Sturman, Libby Chapin, Connie Snyder, Jeff Smith, Ann Lavanway

Absent: Jason Berard

Guests: Steve Lehman

1. Minutes from the 4/22/15 meeting were approved as amended.
2. The following Commission members will seek reappointment this year: Jason Berard, Libby Chapin, Ann Lavanway, Jeff Smith, Connie Snyder and Skip Sturman.
3. Steve Lehman is interested in the open position on the Commission. He will write to the Select Board to request an appointment to the Commission.
4. The Commission elected officers: Chair – Li, Vice Chair – Jason, Treasurer – Bob and Secretary – Ann.
5. Connie gave an update on the bird walk on the Taylor Floodplain Preserve that is scheduled for May 16th. Members will bring refreshments.
6. Li talked about posting bags and signs for pulling Garlic Mustard. She will contact Jason.
7. The proposal to do the survey for *E. coli* along the Ompompanoosuc River was funded. There will be a meeting in West Fairlee next Tuesday to talk about new sampling sites in West Fairlee. The sites that will be surveyed in Thetford will be the same sites that were sampled previously. Li, Libby, Jeff and Jim McCracken have volunteered to do sampling for Thetford.
8. Li received a call about a proposal to build a large solar array on the tailings pile at the Elizabeth Mine. The cap on the pile can support the weight of the array.
9. The Commission discussed the Vermont Wetland Permit that was issued for the construction of a climbing tower at Camp Farnsworth.
10. Libby reminded the Commission of the vote on the Lake Fairlee dam. The vote is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th.
11. Jeff spoke with Mike Snyder of Vermont Parks and Recreation. Mr. Snyder was aware of the discussions to turn over the state park and forestland in Thetford to the town. He will look into this more and get back to Jeff.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24PM.

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 27 May 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Lavanway