

Minutes of the Thetford Conservation Commission – 22 May 2015 at 7:15 PM

Present: Li Shen, Bob Pulaski, Skip Sturman, Jason Berard, Connie Snyder, Jeff Smith, Steve Lehman

Absent: Libby Chapin, Ann Lavanway

Guests: James Dixon (Select Board liaison), Jim McCracken

1. Minutes of previous meeting were approved with typographical amendments.
2. The TCC/ WFCC received \$171 in contributions at the “Return of the Cougar” presentation by Sue Morse.
3. Ehrhard Frost outlined the next actions in timber management on town owned forested parcels. The objectives are to produce a healthier forest as well as to improve timber stocks. Revenue is needed to achieve these goals. The TCC approved a motion that Ehrhard present the 2015-2017 action plan to the Select Board for their approval and work to line up a contractor for invasive plant treatment this fall, as described in the plan.
4. Jason suggested a way to involve the public in pulling up garlic mustard, an invasive plant recently seen making colonies in Thetford. We would put up placards at roadside infestations of garlic mustard together with bags: the signage would encourage passers-by to pull the garlic mustard. We need to purchase stakes and ask Tracy to print signs.
5. Membership was discussed. The selectboard would like to know which TCC members would like to re-enlist. (Many members’ terms expire in 2015.)
6. The Grossmans will host a Crown Jewel walk on Saturday May 30th at 10:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Li Shen