

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

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

Guests: Jim McCracken

1. The WHIP program funding for mowing PMNA has expired. The Commission discussed future mowing of the parcel.
2. Connie asked if PMNA should be made more appealing to visitors. Mowed paths in the field and footpaths in the woods could be added to make the area more accessible. The Commission will walk the property during the August 12 scheduled meeting, starting at 6:45PM. Members will review the management plan and discuss it at future meetings. Jennifer Davey and Dave Fisk will be invited to join the walk.
3. Bridgett Butler, the Bird Diva will be here October 8th to give a talk.
4. The owner of the 3 ponds property had small trees and shrubs cut on the Town Forest to do dam maintenance. The town is in contact with the landowner about the cut.
5. The Commission discussed the proposed logging on the Town Forest. Erhard Frost has done the boundary marking. The Select Board approved funds for invasive treatment on the parcel.
6. Li gave an update on the water testing for *E. coli* in the Ompompanoosuc watershed.
7. Jason and Connie inventoried the DeCola property.
8. The Commission discussed making a sign for the DeCola property. Jason will make the sign that says DeCola Forest Wetland.
9. The Commission will walk Ely Mountain in September.

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.

Our next meeting is 12 August 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Lavanway