

Minutes of the Thetford Conservation Commission – 14 August 2013 at 7:15 PM  
Present: Li Shen, Connie Snyder , Skip Sturman, Bob Pulaski, Libby Chapin, Ann Lavanway, Jeff Smith

Absent: Jason Berard, Eric Pyle

Guest: Donn Downey

1. Minutes from the 6-26-13 meeting were approved.
2. The local snowmobile club has requested permission to re-route part of their trail that currently runs on north end of Whippoorwill Rd to property on the Hughes Forest that runs along the road. Ehrhard Frost will meet with the club leader, Phil O'Donnell to discuss the request. The Commission will ask Ehrhard to have the club work with landowners in the area to re-route the trail to create a short cut to Poor Farm Road so that the snowmobiles may use Poor Farm Road, North for travel.
3. Li gave an update on the Crossroad Farm conservation project.
4. The Commission and Donn discussed ATV trespass on the Hughes Forest.
5. The Selectboard has contacted UVLT to request permission to perform timber harvest on the Hughes Forest that is outside of areas previously approved.
6. Li announced the FDA public Hearing that will be held on August 20<sup>th</sup> at Dartmouth College's Alumni Hall.
7. The Commission and Donn discussed developing a town mowing and invasive management policy.
8. The draft of the management plan for the Taylor Floodplain Preserve was discussed.
9. The education subcommittee reported on possible fall events. They have been in contact with the Squam Lake Science Center. Mary Holland may be another possible speaker. Chuck Eaton may be interested in hosting a workshop on habitat. We may also want to have a celebration of the conservation of the Taylor Floodplain Preserve.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Reminder that Commission members should let Li know ahead of time if they cannot attend the next Conservation Committee meeting, so that she can plan accordingly.

Our next meeting is August 28, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Lavanway