

Minutes of the Thetford Conservation Commission – November 14, 2012 at 7:15 PM

Present: Bob Pulaski, Eric Pyle, Skip Sturman, Amy McElroy, Li Shen, Libby Chapin, Jason Berard

Absent: Ann Lavanway, Connie Snyder

Guests: none

1. Minutes from October 10 were approved.
2. Li presented Ehrhard Frost's invoice for invasives treatment on the Hughes Forest. Even though this does not come out of Thetford Conservation Commission funds, it should be reviewed by the TCC because the Commission oversees the management plan for the Hughes Forest. The \$3241 invoice is for initial invasives treatment on 35 acres and re-treatment of invasives on 19 acres, totaling 42 hours of work. Basal bark treatment and foliar spray were used. The Commission reviewed and accepted the invoice. Li will send the invoice to Jill Graff.
3. There is approximately \$300 left in Thetford Conservation Commission budget. The Commission would like to replace the bluebird boxes at PMNA, perhaps buys some additional bluebird boxes, and maybe buy some wood duck boxes. Li will look into purchasing the bird houses.
4. The PMNA WHIP contract expires after 2014. How will we continue to keep fields open? Perhaps the town budgeted funds, which support the management plans of town-owned properties, can be used for cutting the fields at PMNA.
5. The Linny Levin Trail dedication is Saturday, November 17 at 1:00 pm. UVLT is coordinating the event.
6. Skip is working on a Crown Jewel walk on Quinibeck Road for the Spring.
7. Skip will write a summary of the Commission's 2012 work to go in the town newsletter and on the Listserv.
8. Libby reported on the "Year of the Tree" family Lorax event. 55 people attended. Kids and parents had lots of fun learning new things. There were indoor and outdoor activities including a showing of the film, The Lorax.
9. The Commission discussed whether climate change might be a topic of interest for us to focus on in the upcoming year.
10. Li reported that Mary Holland is willing do a speaking engagement. It will not fit into our schedule for 2012, but perhaps we can set something up with her for 2013.
11. Connie connected with UVLT about the Alschuler conservation project on Sanborn Road. The proposal has gone to the federal government for final approval. Connie will inquire with UVLT about the status of the Taylor Parcel conservation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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 November 28, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy McElroy