

Minutes of the Thetford Conservation Commission – February 22, 2012 at 7:15 PM

Present: Li Shen, Amy McElroy, Bob Pulaski, Libby Chapin, Ann Lavanway, Skip Sturman, Eric Pyle

Absent: Connie Snyder, Stephanie Carter

Guests: None

1. The minutes from February 8 were approved.
2. Further discussion of Ad Hoc sub groups- Li spoke to Commission members. Libby, Skip, Connie, and Heather Carlos are on the Ad Hoc Education Committee. This group and some representatives from Corinth and West Fairlee will be meeting at Libby's house March 20 to discuss the "Year of the Tree".
3. Stephanie Carter sent a letter to the Commission members stating that she is stepping down from the Conservation Commission. The Commission thanks Stephanie for her service to the Commission.
4. Li passed out a document that she wrote about the Taylor Parcel. This document will be useful in our discussion about whether to move forward on conserving the parcel.
5. Town Meeting is March 3rd. We decided that we will have a display table. Li will call the Town Office and reserve a table. Li will bring the TRORC habitat map, the Wetland Survey map, and some Linking Lands Alliance habitat fragmentation brochures. Amy will arrive early to Town Meeting to claim a table, and she will bring an easel. Libby may bring a tree display.
6. Regarding Bill Bridge's proposed Connecticut River setback, Li has not found any definitive guidelines. She will see if the State of VT or NH has recommendations. She'll check with Bill Bridge to see if he has any information supporting his proposal.
7. The Trail Master Plan was discussed at the February 13 Selectboard meeting. It was a good meeting with lots of differing ideas. The plan was presented as draft. The Selectboard is going to make changes to the plan based on public input.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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

Our next meeting is March 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy McElroy

(Amended by Ann Lavanway, March 14 2012)

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