

Minutes of the Thetford Conservation Commission – May 23, 2012 at 7:15 PM

Present: Li Shen, Eric Pyle, Libby Chapin, Jason Berard, Bob Pulaski, Connie Snyder, Ann Lavanway

Absent: Amy McElroy, Skip Sturman,

1. The minutes from May 9<sup>th</sup> were approved as amended.
2. Li gave a summary of the Selectboard meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> where the conservation of the agricultural land on Sanborn Road was discussed. The Selectboard is writing a letter of support for the conservation of the farmland to the State of Vermont.
3. The Commission discussed the bird walk lead by George Clark on May 19<sup>th</sup>. In future events, we need to have a little more signage that lets people know that we are sponsoring the event. We should use nametags for Commission members and have handouts on the food table. We should also have assigned duties. When planning events, the objectives of the event should be established. Events should be documented with photographs.
4. Li spoke with James Thaxton of UVLT about the process of conserving the Taylor parcel. The UVLT will be voting on the project in the near future.
5. The Commission will discuss the possible conservation of the parcel with the Selectboard. We will invite the Commission liaison, Tig Tillinghast, to a meeting to talk about the project.
6. Eric spoke with the Snowcoasters about the trail on the Taylor parcel. The covenant on the parcel does not permit motorized vehicles. The trail through the parcel is maintained by the West Fairlee snowmobile club. Eric will try to contact the West Fairlee club.
7. The education subcommittee is considering doing a town-wide large tree contest later this year.
8. Libby and the other members of the education subcommittee would like the Commission to create and maintain a record of costs associated with supporting events (food, drink, etc.) for goods that Commission members have donated.
9. Libby and Eric will not be at the meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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

Our next meeting is June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Lavanway