

Minutes of the Thetford Conservation Commission – May 9, 2012 at 7:15 PM

Present: Li Shen, Amy McElroy, Ann Lavanway, Connie Snyder, Libby Chapin, Jason Berard, Bob Pulaski

Absent: Eric Pyle, Skip Sturman

Guests:

1. The minutes from April 11 were approved as amended.
2. Announcements –
The Selectboard approved the Arrowwood Wetland Survey.
Richard Blacklow is leaving his position as Zoning Administrator.
3. Follow up on the Tom Wessels talk. The event was a big success. Food was great. Suggestions for future events – microphone, a bigger space, name tags for Conservation Commission members, assigned jobs.
4. George Clark Bird walk, May 10 at 7:30 – 9:30 am, at the Taylor Parcel. Conservation Commission will bring refreshments. Ann made a flyer for the event. Connie will bring a handout to the walk about the Taylor Parcel and about George Clark. Rain date is May 26.
5. The next Year of Tree events are Tree ID walks on June 16 at Brushwood and July 21 in Corinth at the F.X. Shea forest.
6. Discussed doing a bluebird house project at some time at the elementary school.
7. Taylor Parcel conservation. Connie talked to James Thaxton of UVLT. UVLT is working on various aspects of the project. Things are moving along. UVLT is gathering necessary information and will prepare a Conservation Agreement.
8. The Sanborn Road conservation project will be discussed at the Selectboard meeting on May 14.
9. Li gave an overview of this summer's Ompompanoosuc River Phase 2 geomorphic study. The study is funded by a State of VT grant, the MEF (Mitigation and Enhancement Fund administrated by the NH Charitable Foundation), the Town of Norwich, and in-kind work organized by the Thetford Conservation Commission. Amy will be doing the bookkeeping for the project.
10. Libby will try to contact the Trees for Streams program with questions about money that was allocated for tree plantings in Thetford and for future projects. She has been having a hard time getting through to them.

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 May 23.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy McElroy