

Minutes of the Thetford Conservation Commission – June 13, 2012 at 7:15 PM

Present: Li Shen, Amy McElroy, Ann Lavanway, Connie Snyder, Jason Berard, Bob Pulaski, Skip Sturman

Absent: Eric Pyle, Libby Chapin

Guests:

1. The minutes from May 23 were approved as amended.
2. Approved the Ompompanoosuc River Phase 2 invoice for: Task 1 - Project Scoping meeting, in the amount of \$500.00.
3. Li reported that Donn Downey has delayed his invasive project on town land until August, and that UVLT is OK with this schedule change. Donn Downey has been appointed as the temporary Director of Public Works until the Selectboard hires a person to fill the position.
4. There is a GIS Meeting on Thursday, June 21st, 10 am, at Town Hall. This is to look at a few towns that offer a wide range of layers to their GIS program and discuss what layers may be useful to Thetford's employees, committees, school, etc.
5. \$315 is remaining in the Conservation Commission Budget. The Education Committee will discuss if there is a project or event that they would like to suggest to use the money.
6. Li reported on the TREE ID workshop, which was held at Ehrhard Frost's property on June 10. Ten people attended. Four conifer species and about 10 hardwood species were identified.
7. Li gave an update from UVLT regarding the conservation of the Taylor parcel. The UVLT board approved the project. They are hoping to re-program the MEF grant money that they are planning to use, so that it can meet the needs of this project. That will take six to eight weeks. Li emailed Tig Tillinghast (Conservation Commission liaison) and Donn Downey (Selectboard Chair) about the project.
8. Connie reported on the Zebedee trail. Connie suggested that a couple of benches would enhance the use of the property. The benches could be inscribed with a tribute to Linny Levin. UVLT is working on a plan for the Linny Levin trail. Jason is helping with that effort. It was suggested that the Commission go to the Zebedee wetland for one of our summer meetings to consider the trail.
9. There was a discussion of ticks. In the last five years ticks have become more prevalent in the Thetford landscape. Several Commission members confirmed that they are seeing lots of ticks this summer.
10. Connie showed us a beautiful hand made card from the Thetford Elementary School students thanking the Conservation Commission for the peach tree, which the Commission donated to the school and helped plant in celebration of Arbor Day. Ann will scan the card and put it on the Conservation Commission's page of the town website.
11. Skip will schedule the Crown Jewel walk on the O'Hurley property for Monday, June 18, at 5 pm. Commission members will meet at the gate on Route 113.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 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 June 27 will take place at 6:00 pm at Zebedee Wetland.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy McElroy