

Minutes of the Thetford Conservation Commission – June 22, 2016 -Final

Present: Li Shen, Bob Pulaski, Jim McCracken, Jeff Smith, Steve Lehman, Ann Lavanway

Absent: Libby Chapin

Guests: Sue Fritz, Ehrhard Frost

1. Ehrhard reported that he looked at the invasive plants on PMNA with Bill Clough.
2. Ehrhard told the group that treatment of the Taylor Floodplain Forest would be very expensive and would require solving access issues. Boundaries also need to be better identified. Treatment would involve hydrolytic spraying and mist spraying.
3. Ehrhard said that professional treatment of invasive plants will cost about \$800 to \$1000 per person per day with treatment of approximately three acres per day per person.
4. The Commission and guests discussed treating invasive plants at PMNA this season.
5. Ehrhard reminded the group that a 200 ft radius around existing well cannot be chemically treated.
6. Ehrhard gave a review of the areas on PMNA that had been treated several years ago.
7. Jeff asked about the treatment in riparian areas on the site.
8. The Commission voted to approve the following motion “The Commission shall recommend that the Select Board move forward with Ehrhard’s recommendation to hire Vegetation Control Services to treat invasive plants on PMNA if funds are available.”
9. Li will contact the Select Board with our recommendation.
10. The group discussed the other tasks that still need completion including blazing and painting the boundaries on the northern part of Hughes Forest.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Reminder that Commission members should let Li know ahead of time if they cannot attend the next Conservation Commission meeting, so that she may plan accordingly.

Our next meeting is July 13, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Lavanway