

Canaan Conservation Commission

February 6, 2017

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Mike Mezzacapo, Ashley Wojnarowski, Len Reitsma, Noel Everts, Elizabeth Chabot, Dave McAlister

Absent: Alice Schori

Minutes ~August

Mike Moved to accept the minutes as presented, Dave seconded. All approved

Minutes ~November

Dave Moved to accept the minutes as presented, Len seconded. All approved

Audubon Certification

- Signage information required for trees and plants. Can likely order tags. Len volunteered to assist Mike. All other tasks in our assessment have been completed
- Will require a third party to verify that the work has been done
- Target to submit final paperwork by end of April.

New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions

- NH Association of Conservation Commissions dues are due April 1st. This year they are \$296
- Bill made a motion to continue our membership, Elizabeth seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Saving Special Spaces

- April 8th. Bill plans to attend. Let him know if you wish to participate. More details to come

Earth Day

- Clean up scheduled for April 29th. Meet at the beach at 8:00. Clean up until noon
- Bill will advise Sharon so it can be posted.

Bird in Hand

- Travis and Joanna Johnson have purchased the B-I-H property. The commission looks forward to meeting them.
- We need to get their address to advise them of the easement restrictions. The state would also like to send some information as well.

Connecticut River Watershed Council (CRWC)

- Heavily involved with any Dam proposals on the river
- CRWC does a significant amount of River clean up Annually
- CRCW supports a variety of projects including bank erosion mitigation, invasive species combat
- Dave moved that the CCC donate \$100 to the CRWC towards the annual membership. Mike seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Motion to adjourn made by Elizabeth, seconded by Len

Next meeting to be held on March 6, 2017 at the Senior Center

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Chabot

Conservation Commission Members

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ending August 31, 2019

Mike Mezzacapo: 3 year term,
ending Oct 31, 2017

Ashley Wojnarowski: 3 year term,
ending Oct 31, 2017

Alternates:

Alice Schori

Noel Events

Select board Representative

Dave McAlister

Canaan Conservation Commission

April 3, 2017

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Mike Mezzacapo, Ashley Wojnarowski, Len Reitsma, Noel Everts, Elizabeth Chabot

Absent: Alice Schori, Dave McAlister

Minutes ~February

Len Moved to accept the minutes as presented, Bill seconded. All approved

Audubon Certification

- We need third party verification that our work has been completed. Mike needs to figure out how to finish this portion. He has applied for a fellowship that could take him away from the Upper Valley in the near future.
- Need to discuss continuing our Audubon Membership at \$280 per year

Earth Day

- Clean up scheduled for April 29th. Meet at the beach at 8:30. Clean up until noon

Nature Hut

- Bill needs to schedule a Nature Hut trail maintenance work day
- Len received funding from the Wellborn Ecology Fund to help pay for Busses and support staff for the School tours
- Anticipate scheduling more School Day visits in June, possibly extending an invitation to the Enfield Schools.

Misc

- This Sunday April 9, there is a MWCC walk. See the town Webpage for info

Motion to adjourn made by Len, seconded by Bill

Next meeting to be held on May 1, 2017 at the Senior Center

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Chabot

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Canaan Conservation Commission

May 1, 2017

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Mike Mezzacapo, Ashley Wojnarowski, Len Reitsma, Noel Everts, Elizabeth Chabot, Alice Schori, Dave McAlister

Minutes ~April

Correction: The Wellborn Ecology Fund request has already been accepted.

Mike Moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Dave seconded. All approved

Commission Membership Change

Mike Mezzacapo has been accepted as a Michigan Sea Grant Fellow with the International Joint Commission in Ottawa. Mike will work with the Commission on matters such as water pollution, public outreach, and economic development to ensure the Great Lakes are usable, drinkable, swimmable, etc. The commission has the ears of both countries. This year-long position begins June 1, so Mike is resigning from the Conservation Commission. Mike's term expires in October of this year. Currently, Ashley is planning to stay in Canaan and on the Commission.

Audubon Certification

- Our Audubon contact, Fred, returns to the office in June. Mike has requested that someone call him and coordinate the walk-through of the Town Forest. Mike will finish up the paperwork and will leave it with Bill and/or Len.

Earth Day

- Clean up was last weekend and went well.

McKee Parcel

- Dave will invite the new owners to attend the next CCC meeting
- The buildings have been razed, property has been tidied.
- Need to schedule the annual walk for early fall.

Nature Hut

- The Canaan Rec Department could be interested in a Town Forest Day program.
- Need to print more trail maps
- Len to ask Dave Shinnlinger if he has any more "clean cans" so one can be put at the Forest.
- Question to investigate: How does one get a state Point of interest sign?

Misc

- Cardigan Mountain School has purchased 30 leaf rakes from the hardware store, and students are volunteering to rake and clean up yards

Motion to adjourn made by Elizabeth, seconded by Dave

Next meeting to be held on June 5, 2017 at the Senior Center

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Chabot

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June 5, 2017

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Ashley Wojnarowski, Len Reitsma, Noel Everts, Alice Schori, Dave McAlister

Absent: Elizabeth Chabot

Minutes ~May

Deferred until July

McKee Parcel/Bird in Hand

- The new owners, Travis and Joanna Anderson, attended the meeting.
- A general history of the property was reviewed and the Andersons discussed some of their plans for the property.

Nature Hut

- Work day scheduled for July 1st at 9am

Misc

- Alice mentioned pulling invasives (wild chervil) around Potato and South Roads. She will follow up with the owner of the property to see if he would like assistance with eradication.

Motion to adjourn made by Dave, seconded by Len

Next meeting to be held on July 3, 2017 at the Senior Center

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Chabot

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August 7, 2017

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Len Reitsma, Noel Everts, Alice Schori, Dave McAlister

Absent: Elizabeth Chabot

Minutes ~May & June

The minutes were reviewed

Len moved that they be accepted as presented, Noel seconded. The motion passed.

Misc

- Ashley has moved to Massachusetts until Mike finishes his fellowship, so she has ended her term early.
- Stephen Long's presentation in August was a success! Bill requested that the CCC consider sharing the cost with the MWCC (\$125)
 - Dave moved that the CCC send a check to the MWCC, Len seconded, the motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Alice, seconded by Noel

Next meeting to be held on September 11, 2017 at the Senior Center

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Chabot

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Canaan Conservation Commission

November 6, 2017

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Noel Everts, Alice Schori, Dave McAlister, Elizabeth Chabot

Minutes ~August

The minutes were reviewed

Dave moved that they be accepted as presented, Bill seconded. The motion passed.

Current CCC Bills

- Our Audubon membership is up for renewal if we so choose. This is \$300 per year. Bill recommended that we discontinue.
 - Elizabeth moved to accept Bill's recommendation, Alice seconded. Motion passed
- The NH Association of Conservation Commission membership is due, \$296.00
 - Dave moved that we should continue this membership, Noel seconded. Motion passed
- Vital Communities has requested a donation. They help connect people to resources including transportation options, local food and farm information, and energy efficiency programs. They also have leadership programs, volunteer opportunities, a Valley Quest program for kids, and they host the annual Flavors of the Valley.
 - Dave moved that we donate \$50 to Vital Communities, Elizabeth seconded. The motion passed.

Bird in Hand

- The property needs to be walked this year. We're targeting December 10th, at 9am. Bill will contact the Andersons to let them know.

Discussion: What do we as a Commission want to do?

- Dave recommended increased public involvement in the town forest.
 - Boy/girl scout groups
 - Continued field trips with Len
 - Extend personal invitations to the Cardigan Mountain School
- Possibly extend the trails from the Town forest into Bear Pond Natural area. Permission from the current Bird in Hand owners to run the trail through their property would be great. We will talk with them.
- Create a fun brochure about the town forest
- Add additional information to the website about how to conserve land
- More discussion later

Misc

- Dave noted that the Cardigan Mountain School was quick to respond to the call for help during last week's flooding. The Commission wanted to note our appreciation for the School's strong support of our community.

Motion to adjourn made by Dave, seconded by Noel

Next meeting to be held on December 4, 2017 at the Senior Center

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Chabot

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December 4, 2017

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Len Reitsma, Noel Everts, Alice Schori, Dave McAlister, Elizabeth Chabot

Minutes ~November

The minutes were reviewed

Alice moved that they be accepted as presented, Len seconded. The motion passed.

Bird in Hand

- December 10th, at 9am is the scheduled annual walk. Bill will contact the Andersons to let them know. Anything we don't complete, Len said he could complete later.

Discussion: What do we as a Commission want to do?

- Notes from November Meeting in Grey:
- *Dave recommended increased public involvement in the town forest.*
 - *Boy/girl scout groups*
 - *Continued field trips with Len*
 - *Extend personal invitations to the Cardigan Mountain School*
- *Possibly extend the trails from the Town forest into Bear Pond Natural area. Permission from the current Bird in Hand owners to run the trail through their property would be great. We will talk with them.*
- *Create a fun brochure about the town forest*
- *Add additional information to the website about how to conserve land*
- Additional notes from this meeting:
 - How can the CCC help conserve agricultural lands? Fields? Flood Plains?
 - Could a campground along the rail trail add appeal? Len met other cyclists recently who inquired. Autumn Harvest Farm in Grafton is putting in a few sites. Dave has an idea of a spot in Canaan that could work and will chat with the landowner.

Misc

- April 7, 2018 is the annual Saving Special Places conference. Please advise Bill if you want to go.
- Town Forest Snowshoe: Tentatively scheduled for February 24th. Bill will check the UVLT website to check that their winter snowshoe date isn't a conflict.
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Motion to adjourn made by Dave, seconded by Len

Next meeting to be held on January 8, 2018 at the Senior Center

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Chabot

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