

# Canaan Conservation Commission

## Minutes

January 7, 2019

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

### Minutes

- There was no meeting in December
- November minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting

### The Kate Brooks Award for local Conservation

Dave suggested we contact Browns Nursery in Thetford regarding the tree for Kate

Elizabeth will contact them. (802) 785-2167

### “Annual” talk

We need to find a speaker if we are to have the annual talk this summer. Two suggestions were Ben Kilham and Bill Mckibben of Middlebury College, who has written extensively on global warming.

### Misc

- The MWCC will be scheduling a walk about for later this month
- The request for new members is still on the town website. We should review the site to see if we'd like any changes.

Motion to adjourn made by Elizabeth, seconded by Dave

Next Meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2018

*Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Chabot*

## Commission Members

Bill Chabot: Chair,  
3 year term ending  
April 30, 2021

Len Reitsma:  
3 year term ending  
August 31, 2019

Elizabeth Chabot:  
Secretary,  
3 year term ending  
April 30, 2019

Two open seats

### **Alternates:**

Alice Schori

Noel Everts

### **Selectboard Representative:**

Dave McAlister

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## Minutes

April 1, 2019

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

### Minutes

- November 2018 minutes were reviewed. Len moved to approve the minutes, Dave seconded, motion passed
- January 2019 minutes were reviewed. Dave moved to approve the minutes, Alice seconded, motion passed

### The Kate Brooks Award for local Conservation

Elizabeth attempted to contact Brown's Nursery in Thetford, but they just reopened for business today. More info to come.

### Commission Members

Elizabeth's term is expiring at the end of the month.

Bill moved to re-elect Elizabeth for a three year term, ending April 30, 2022. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Earth Day Clean-up

Scheduled for Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Bill will email the details to Sharon to post on the website and Canaan email. Meet at the beach at 8:30 for bag and glove distribution.

### "Annual" talk

Alice recently attended a Land Trust presentation about Wood Turtles. She asked the presenter if he would be interested in presenting and he said he might be. Alice to provide contact information.

Len suggested Flora and Funghi could be a good topic for next year.

Two previous suggestions were Ben Kilham and Bill Mckibben of Middlebury College, who has written extensively on global warming.

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### **Selectboard**

### **Representative:**

Dave McAlister

### **Town Forest**

- Len expects to lead a few school tours in the spring.
- Sat May 4<sup>th</sup>: Town forest Trail maintenance

### **Misc**

- Dave reminded us that Cardigan Mountain School is always looking for projects for their students. Bill will contact Brian Sinclair for possible trail maintenance support.

Motion to adjourn made by Len, seconded by Bill

Next Meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2019

*Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Chabot*

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## Minutes

May 6, 2019

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

### Minutes

April minutes were reviewed. Len moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dave seconded. Motion passed.

### The Kate Brooks Award for local Conservation

Elizabeth visited Brown's Nursery, but they didn't have inventory that they would recommend for what we desired. The closest example they had was a Norway Spruce which is a beautiful tree, but it grows too fast. Elizabeth will reinvestigate options at Gardeners supply aka Longacres.

### Earth Day clean up

The official day was April 27<sup>th</sup>, but many folks picked up along the roads before and after the date, schedules permitting. Thank you to the town road crew for picking up the bags!!

### "Annual" talk

Alice will email Bill the speaker information from the Turtle presentation she recently attended

### Town forest clean up

The town forest is in good shape. Len cleared a number of trails and Bill weed whacked to clean up the paths. Others clipped and cleared the debris from the trails.

The bridge is out over the beaver dam. Len will call Kobe to see if he can help with repairs.

### School visits

Len has been in touch with Kobe and anticipates leading school tours later in spring. There is still funding remaining from the Wellspring Grant for bussing.

### Misc

The NH conservation commission membership is due- \$250. Len moved we appropriate funds for this membership. Dave seconded. Motion approved

Motion to adjourn made by Elizabeth, seconded by Len

Next Meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2019

*Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Chabot*

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# Canaan Conservation Commission

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November 4, 2019

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

Absent: Alice Schori

### Minutes

October minutes were reviewed. Len moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dave seconded. Motion passed.

### Bird in Hand

The Annual Bird-in-Hand parcel walk is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-noon, coupled with a Nature hut/town forest tidy-up day.

### Misc

- Last meeting, Dave mentioned that The Canaan recreation department is interested in taking some kids on the trails in the Town Forest and they would be in contact with Bill or Len. Neither one of them has been contacted to-date. Dave said he'd follow up with Chelsea Martin.
- MWCC walkabouts have been postponed until January.

Motion to adjourn made by Len, seconded by Dave

Next Meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2019

*Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Chabot*

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