

Members Present:

Jennie, Len, Sadie, Alisa, Noel, Elizabeth, Bill, Cody,
Remote: Sharon

Guests:

Patty Armstrong and Ted Armstrong, long time residents of Canaan who attended the August Speaker

Annual Meeting Feedback & Discussion:

- Suggestion to tie into Old Home Days programming next year
- Suggestion to have a Youth Focused Session
- Silvio Conte - lean into what we can do for the future

Friends of Conte:

- Discussion around benefits and purpose
- Concern of having an auxiliary group, some preference in the room for having CCC be the Friends of Conte representation
- Jennie mentioned Andy would come speak on Zoom
- Could be worthwhile to get schools/4H involved
- Topic will be carried to the next meeting

Champion Trees:

- Ecological landmarks of top trees in Canaan, generally not much activity in Grafton County

Stewardship Award:

- Jennie suggests a community service award
- Discussion around Tree Farm plaque, and what it signifies, who have taken the next step to conserve their lands.
- Additionally, how would recognition of both Adult/Children work in practice,

Picnic Tables at Canaan St Beach

- Two tables were previously approved by CCC and Town Selectboard
- Sadie will send a message Jack - Town Admin

Enfield Conservation Commission

- Host them in November, chair is Jerry Theis
- Honorary Donation for the Presenters
Andy - \$100 to Ben Kilham
Matt - TBD

Motion to approve \$100 dollar donation in their honor by Cody, Len Seconded
Members unanimously voted yes.

Conservation Fund Clarity:

- Bill to check balance
- Discussion around if money is invested, in a separate account or not

Website Updates:

- The basics: Who, What, Why on the Conservation Commission
- Additional Resources such as links to UNH Cooperative Extension
- All the Apps:
 - Mushroom Expert
 - Seek for Kids
 - iNaturalist for Adults
- Dynamic Content - solicit content

Knotweed Knockback:

- Suggestion to read the following guide from NH Dept of AG:
<https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/japanese-knotweed-bmps.pdf>
- Others to contact: Frank & Nancy White - who owned the Pottery Place on route 4 have had some success. Judith from MVP, Lebanon - Town Admin
- Barbara from NHACC has a few members statewide from other ConComs - Cody to email them and invite to next meeting over Zoom.

Right to Know Law:

- Reminder that Draft Minutes to the Town within a certain amount of time
- Email use with quorum should be limited to general updates and not include discussion or opinions

Switch Rd Parcel:

- Letter to Be Authored
- Question regarding whether a parcel is in Current Use
- Planning Board to sign on to the Letter to DES

What is a Conservation Easement? Discussion on what they look for in an Easement, How is land prioritized

Len made a motion to adjourn, Bill seconded.

