

Minutes of the Thetford Conservation Commission – December 14, 2016 - draft

Present: Li Shen, Bob Pulaski, Libby Chapin, Steve Lehman, Jim McCracken

Absent: Jeff Smith, Sue Tallman, Sue Fritz, Ann Lavanway

1. The minutes of the previous meeting of November 9th were approved.
2. There was discussion of how the 'agreed upon' interpretation of Article 8 might be documented permanently without re-writing the article and submitting it to a vote at Town Meeting.
3. Jim volunteered to communicate with the Town Treasurer about payment of forestry fees out of stumpage rather than the Town Lands Management (Capital) Fund.
4. Li will contact the Select Board to find out if there has been any progress with the transfer of a portion of the Town Forest to the owner of the 'Three Ponds' parcel, and to communicate that TCC recommends against the sale of an area approximating 25 acres.
5. Li will contact Jason to ask if UVLT plans to respond to the boundary violation on the Taylor Preserve.
6. Li summarized the 'Place' presentation by Walter Poleman at the AVCC Conservation Summit in October.
7. Initiatives for 2017 were discussed:
 - Invasive plant control - build on momentum, revise last year's plan, start earlier. Continue to monitor and treat garlic mustard areas. Monitor chervil on Rt 113 to see if road and ditch upgrades have removed some of it.
 - PMNA woods trail - clear obstructions, put up arrow trail markers.
 - Deal with Taylor Preserve boundary violation
 - Need a volunteer to read the Select Board minutes and follow up with the Select Board if questions arise.
 - Need a volunteer to check the DRB notice board for developments involving natural resources.
 - We will ask Skip whether he could help with a Crown Jewel walk for 2017.
8. A motion was approved to start TCC meetings at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

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 January 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Li Shen