

Thetford Conservation Commission Minutes
August 23, 2017

Present: Ann Lavanway, Sue Fritz, Jeff Smith, Libby Chapin, Steve Lehman, Sue Tallman, and Jim McCracken

Absent: Bob Pulaski

The minutes from June 28, 2017 and July 12, 2017 were approved.

Libby and Jim presented an update of educational events. The caterpillar lab planned for the fall is uncertain as Libby has been unable to confirm a date with the presenter. A back up program on Corvids may be substituted. A wildlife film festival is planned for November which may include a potluck dinner. Jim recommended "shorts" for film festival. There will be another film shown during the winter. Date and subject to be announced. The focus will be on the wonder and beauty of nature.

Jim has purchased a plant uprooter for invasive plant removal. The cost was \$201.66.

Discussion of the issues from the meeting of July 12, 2017 were continued. Ehrhard Frost has billed the Town for his time in the field, writing letters, and consultation meetings with the Select Board and the TCC. The TCC board has not received a copy of his invoice.

Ann and Sue Fritz have contacted the Select Board requesting a date to meet with Board to discuss the town lands maintenance funds and maintenance priorities.

Jeff will contact Ellis Paige concerning mowing plot size at PMNA and the mowing and burning schedules. The TCC agreed the PMNA drainage area needs fabric and stone repair to improve access for mowing. Jeff will ask Ellis to go ahead with this project and send his invoice to the Select Board.

Our next meeting is September 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Tallman