

Thetford Conservation Commission Minutes

July 25, 2018

Present: Jim McCracken, Libby Chapin, Sue Fritz, Sue Tallman, Steve Lehman, Connie Snyder and Bob Pulaski

Absent: Ann Lavanway and Jeff Smith

The Minutes of June 27 were approved.

The Reptile walk led by Kiley Briggs on July 15 was enjoyed by 20 adults and children. Jim and Libby are planning a Butterfly Walk at the Post Mills Nature Area led by Bill Shepard on August 26th. The West Fairlee CC will organize an activity for September. Kiley Briggs would like to present again to a larger audience at no cost. He will give a presentation on October 24th night at the Martha Rich Theater at Thetford Academy.

Sue Fritz reported the Enhanced Energy Planning Committee's progress on development of solar array sites in Thetford. The EEPA appreciated recommendations from the TCC and is working on a draft that will define which locations will be preferred for panels and which locations will be considered unsuitable.

Members of the Thetford Conservation Commission voted unanimously to accept Jesse Mohr's Phase I proposal of a natural resources inventory for the Town of Thetford. The estimated cost is \$6600 and Jesse will start November 2018 to compile data. The Commission will seek approval from the Select Board for the inventory and for funding.

The TCC will request a date in August to be on the Select Board agenda to discuss funding for the inventory. A written proposal from the TCC will be prepared for the Select Board. Steve will ask Jesse for a payment timeline. Connie would appreciate help in composing a grant proposal to submit to the Mascoma Bank "Giving Back" funding program.

The meeting adjourned 8:40PM.

The next meeting is August 22, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Tallman