

## Thetford Conservation Commission Minutes

January 16, 2019

7:00PM

Present: Steve Lehman, Sue Fritz, Connie Snyder, Judy Harvey, Jeff Smith, Bob Pulaski, Sue Tallman and Sara Cavin

Absent: Jim McCracken

Guest: Chuck Cole

The Minutes of December 12, 2018 were approved.

Steve reported the Thetford Selectboard approved the TCC Budget request for 2019. Sara Cavin's appointment to the TCC was approved by the Selectboard.

By unanimous vote, the 2019 slate of officers is as follows: Chairman, Steve Lehman; Vice Chairman, Jim McCracken; Secretary, Sue Tallman; and Bob Pulaski, Treasurer.

The meeting welcomed new members, Judy Harvey and Sara Cavin.

Judy reported on the 2019 Education Events. The date and time for the Film Festival is March 10, 2019, 3:00-5:30PM, at the Thetford Academy Auditorium. Judy and Sara are reviewing movie choices from Woods Hole. They will also be working on advertising and posters. Refreshments will be available during the 10-15 minute intermission.

The TCC and the West Fairlee CC will host a "Live Animal" event on April 7, 2019 at the Thetford Elementary Gym. The time TBA. The Southern Vermont Natural History Museum will bring owls for demonstration. The \$300 fee will be shared by the two commissions.

Judy, who has experience with animal tracking, will organize a "Tracking Walk" in February. Details of this event TBA at the February TCC Meeting.

Connie will contact Dr. George Clark to host the 8th spring Bird Walk at the Taylor Floodplain Preserve in Post Mills. The date and time TBA.

Connie will also contact Bill Shepard about leading a Butterfly Walk at the Post Mills Nature Area or at the Ely Mountain UVLT property in the spring.

Steve shared copies of the TCC 2018 summary for the Town Report. Several edits were suggested. Steve will email a draft to commission members for final edits before submitting to the Town office. The TCC table at the Town Meeting, March 2, will need a poster, photos and hand-out materials.

Agenda items for the February 13, 2019 meeting were suggested:

Provide sign-up sheets for help with the table at Town Meeting and refreshments for the Film Festival.

Education update on the Tracking Walk.

Plans for Green Up Day.

Invasive plant project plans.

Town Inventory update from Jesse Mohr and discussion of TCC support needed.

Scheduling of a burn in the spring at the Post Mills Nature Area.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

The next meeting is February 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Tallman