

APPROVED

Thetford Conservation Commission Minutes

May 8, 2019

7:00PM

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

Absent: Judy Harvey

Guest: Tom Otterman

The Minutes of April 10, 2019 were approved.

Tom Otterman reported on the Taylor Floodplain survey. Large copies of the survey map were made available to the meeting. Tom was able to locate all but a few boundary pins. Where the Ompompanoosuc River has changed course, the pins are underwater. Tom estimated the finished survey will cost \$1,000. He will return to the Taylor parcel and place ribbons along the boundary or pins if needed. Tom suggested replacing the boundary flags every 2-3 years. No encroachment along the border was found.

Jeff reported it was too wet for the controlled burn at the Post Mills Natural Area this spring.

Jim will request a payment of \$25 from the TCC operating account to be sent as a donation to the Stamp Wildlife Fund with the Town Treasurer. This motion was passed at the April 2019 TCC meeting in regards to the February tracking event led by Ali Thomas.

Connie, Sue Fritz, and Sue Tallman reported on the farm identification ground truthing for the Town Inventory. The updated information was sent to Jesse Mohr. Included in the report were spreadsheets with current farm names and the products or services for each prepared by Connie and photos of the sites taken by Sue Fritz. Judy provided all of the transportation for the ground truthing.

Jim reported that Green Up Day had 101 participants, who deposited a total of 94 bags of trash between 9am and 12pm. Not counted were the bags dropped off by participants of the Green Up Day Celebration at the Thetford Community Center. Jim reported on the many suggestions that volunteers offered to improve Green Up Day in 2020.

Connie reported on the Saturday, May 11 Bird Walk at the Taylor Preserve in Post Mills. Tim Taylor will provide planks to cover parts of the trail under water. Sunday, May 12 is the rain date.

Connie reported meeting with Lisa Niccolai at the Taylor Preserve to consider it as a possible site for the "Trees for Streams" involvement. Lisa will submit sites for funding consideration to the White River Nature Resource Conservation District.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Tallman