

APPROVED

Thetford Conservation Commission Meeting

November 6, 2019

7:00 PM

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

Absent: Sara Cavin and Judy Harvey

The Minutes of October 23 were amended and approved.

Jesse Mohr's Phase I of the town's Natural Resource Inventory presentation on November 14, 2019 at the United Church of Thetford in North Thetford was discussed. The event will start at 6:30 PM with light refreshments and the talk will start at 7:00 PM. It was moved and passed that Operating Budget monies be used to purchase copies of Phase I maps for the program.

The Meeting with Serena Bemis-Goodall, Town Manager, on October 31, 2019 was discussed. Descriptions of Town Properties were given along with their histories and issues. Educational activities and invasive control involving community participation were reviewed. Funding for the TCC was reviewed.

Steve shared copies of the TCC 2019 Budget for the discussion of a 2020 Budget.

A draft of the 2020 Budget includes normal, recurring Select Board funding of:

Operating (education) Fund \$ 850

Conservation Trust Fund \$2,500

New Proposed Maintenance Work:

Hughes Forest Invasive Plant Treatment \$9,000 (E. Frost)

Site Monitoring of Town Parcels \$1,500 (E. Frost)

White Pine Cutting at PMNA \$ 750

Invasive Treatment for Turtle Habitat at Taylor \$1,250 TOTAL \$12,500

Natural Resource Inventory costs:

Report Summarizing Phase I findings \$2,500

Training Citizen Scientists for Phase II \$1,000 TOTAL \$3,500

Total spending request \$16,000

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Tallman

