

Thetford Conservation Commission

December 11, 2019

7:00 PM

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

Absent: Jeff Smith, Sara Cavin and Judy Harvey

Guests: Lisa Niccolai and Kiley Briggs

The November 13, 2019 Minutes were approved.

Lisa Niccolai, representing the White River Conservation District, reported new funding for tree plantings from the Trees for Streams Project is available for Thetford. The discussion included Kiley Briggs who recommended targeting the Taylor Flood Plain Parcel as a priority focus for plantings. He said knotweed removal along the riverbanks should also be a priority. Lisa will arrange for an inventory of the area next spring and make a plant list for the project. Shrubs such as red osier dogwoods were suggested. Volunteers to help with the plantings would be appreciated.

There is funding for this through the Army Corps "Handshake Program." A letter of interest and support from the TCC was recommended. Volunteer involvement is encouraged.

It was moved and approved to elect the following TCC officers for 2020:

Chairman – Steve Lehman

Treasurer – Bob Pulaski

Secretary – Sue Tallman

Vice Chairman – Jim McCracken

Connie Snyder, Sue Fritz, Jeff Smith, Sara Cavin and Judy Harvey will continue as members of the Conservation Commission.

Jim reported that the Annual Film Festival is March 22, 2020, at 3PM at Thetford Academy in the Martha Rich Auditorium. West Fairlee will host the Tracking Workshop on February 8, 2020, at 1PM in the West Fairlee Westshire School Gym. The snow date is February 9. Alison Thomas, Education Manager for the VT Fish and Wildlife, is the presenter.

Jim reported that twenty people who attended Jesse Mohr's Town Inventory Phase I presentation expressed interest in being Citizen Scientists for monitoring road crossings next spring for Phase II of the Town Inventory.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Tallman