

Conservation Commission

Minutes

January 8, 2007

Attendees:, Kate Brooks, David Shinnlinger, Elizabeth Chabot, Bill Chabot, Alice Schori, Aaron Allen, Kris Burnett, Len Reitsma (chair)

Special Guest: Gretchen Renee

Review of "Town Meeting" for Nature Hut

- Dave will produce and erect timber frame structure
- On site materials will not be used for timber framing (phase 1). Could consider on-site materials for siding etc (not phase 1)
- Timing: Letter to be written to town with monetary request. Dave is ready to go.
- Dave's class starts January 20th, needs materials to start.
- Len to call Dana (Aaron to call Len with amount) to find out max amount we can get without Select board approval
- Dave and Aaron to finalize needs. Dave has good experience with billing from the lumber yard
- Dave to consider publicity

Gretchen Renee

- There is an incentive to put land into easements that runs out at the end of 2007
- Gretchen has been working in the community. Folks are willing to put land into easement, but not if it costs money.
- Gretchen's goal is to help connect already protected areas from Grafton Pond to Mt Cardigan to help ensure a corridor
- Easement may be available for less than 10 acre parcels
- Possibly Canaan and Grafton could work together cooperatively and invite the Upper Valley Land Trust to come out to speak
 - Possibly the Monday after the March meeting (the 12th)
 - Invite people at the polls
 - We should come up with a list of who we think should be invited- people over 10 acres? People in the critical path of the corridor? Etc
- Feb meeting:
 - We should review the maps
 - Review Gretchen's corridor
 - Include Canaan Street Lake and Talbert Hill

Points for our Annual report:

- Nature Hut
 - Select board approval
 - Public Hearing held
- Spotted Knapweed eradication (first pass)
- Annual Talk- raptors
- Select board representation by Kris
- Several people have placed land in easement this year
- Two members of the Canaan Conservation Commission met with Cardigan Mountain School about conservation

Update on “the old Landfill”

- DES monitors the landfill, it can't be developed.

Nature Hut

- Building Permit. YES, we should get one.

Climate Change presentation

- Dave mentioned contacting the Carbon Coalition about getting a speaker to discuss the upcoming March article.

Len moved to adjourn the meeting

Aaron seconded.