

Canaan Conservation Commission

February 3, 2014

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Alice Schori, Elizabeth Chabot, Dave McAlister, Noel Everts, Aaron Allen, Hilary Rogers, Len Reitsma

Guests: Alan Strickland, Kurt Geotthardt

Enfield Reservoir

- The Enfield reservoir is actually located on Canaan Property. Enfield no longer uses the reservoir for the town drinking water and it not interested in maintaining it. Alan and Kurt joined the Commission meeting to discuss the reservoir and any interest the town of Canaan might have in taking over the responsibility. The Canaan Selectboard has expressed that they are not interested in the dam.
- The reservoir sits on about 20 acres, and could qualify for a Great Pond
- Enfield only pays about \$25 in taxes to Canaan, but there could be 'hidden costs' such as liability insurance. Annual maintenance for the area around the dam is about \$1,200
- The dam is inspected every few years, the last inspection was December of 2011.
- Possibly the dam could be dismantled. The state has a procedure. It's not known to this group what the cost is.
- The Upper Valley Land Trust could be interested in preserving the land, but would need to better understand the liability.
- The Mascoma Watershed group could also have some interest. They will converse with the UVLT. Bill will email both groups to facilitate

Minutes

- The January minutes were reviewed. Aaron moved that they be approved, Dave seconded the motion, all approved

Miscellany

- Dave Roby to provide trail maps to the Conservation Commission of roadways in his woods.
- Earth Day clean up: April 19th, 9-noon.
- The Bear Pond snow shoe is this Sunday at 1:00 pm

Motion to adjourn made by Len, seconded by Dave

Next meeting to be held on March 3, 2014 at the Senior Center.