

Canaan Conservation Commission

April 4, 2016

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Elizabeth Chabot, Mike Mezzacapo, Ashley Wojnarowski, Alice Schori, Noel Everts, Dave McAlister

Minutes- March 2016

Correction to the March Minutes: the correct name is Bear Pond Natural Area. Also, Beach was misspelled as Beech.

Dave moved that we approve the March minutes with correction, Mike seconded. All approved.

McKee Parcel

- The MWCC is interested in purchasing the parcel
- Bill has been in touch with the bank- they are willing to work with MWCC
- The MWCC voted to issue \$500 towards the deposit amount of \$1,000 required by the bank, with hopes that the CCC would vote a matching amount.
- The CCC members discussed that we could approve the \$500 without a warrant article, but anything more substantial would require a vote which cannot happen until next March, much too late for this project. We also confirmed that we cannot own land, and know that the town has no appetite for owning land, that this would be a MWCC purchase
- Dave voiced concerns from the stand point of tax revenue about possible reduced taxes if the house and other structures are razed.
- It was also mentioned that moving the easement from the town to a conservation organization like UVLT as part of this project would be viewed favorably
- Bill moved that the CCC offer the matching \$500 towards the deposit amount. Mike seconded the motion. Noel exercised his right as an alternate to vote affirmatively. Dave voted no as he would prefer to see the MWCC handle the whole thing. Alice abstained due to a conflict of interest (She is on MWCC's board). The Ayes passed the vote. Bill will contact Gloria about issuing a check.
- Friends of Mascoma Watershed are issuing a letter of support as well as the Broken Prop RC Club

Earth Day Cleanup

- Earth day Clean up is scheduled for April 23
- Elizabeth brought a sample flyer. The text will be cleaned up a little, and then sent to Sharon to post and they will be posted around town as well.
- Meet at the beach 8:30-9 to sign up. Gloves/bags provided.

Town Forest

- Mike spoke with Dave Shinlinger. The CCC still has some funds left over from the Hut, so they can be put toward paying for any materials.

CCC Current membership

- Elizabeth Chabot's term is up this month. As there are no new people volunteering for the position, Dave moved that she accept another 3 year term, Bill seconded. All approved.

Public Information Session- Conte National Wildlife Refuge Conservation Plan

- May 3rd 5-8:00pm, Kilton Library, West Leb

Representatives from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will present the draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the Silvio O. Conte Refuge, answer questions, and engage in dialogue with those in attendance.

Misc

- The Saving Special Places conference is April 9th. Mike and Bill are planning to attend.
- NHACC annual fee of \$296 is due. Mike moved that we continue our membership and pay the dues, Dave seconded. Bill will email Gloria to request the check.
- Sharon Duffy asked if we would like any changes to the webpage. We will collect some photos for her to post, including Earth Day clean up, the hut and forest, and the Canaan Clean Can project.

Motion to adjourn made by Elizabeth, seconded by Mike

Next meeting to be held on May 2, 2016 at the Senior Center

Conservation Commission Members

Full-Time:

Bill Chabot: Chair, 3 year term,
ending April 30, 2018

Elizabeth Chabot: Secretary, 3 year term,
ending April 30, 2019

Len Reitsma: 3 year term,
ending August 31, 2016

Mike Mezzacapo: 3 year term,
ending Oct 31, 2017

Ashley Wojnarowski: 3 year term,
ending Oct 31, 2017

Alternates:

Alice Schori

Noel Everts