

Canaan Conservation Commission

November 6, 2017

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Noel Everts, Alice Schori, Dave McAlister, Elizabeth Chabot

Minutes ~August

The minutes were reviewed

Dave moved that they be accepted as presented, Bill seconded. The motion passed.

Current CCC Bills

- Our Audubon membership is up for renewal if we so choose. This is \$300 per year. Bill recommended that we discontinue.
 - Elizabeth moved to accept Bill's recommendation, Alice seconded. Motion passed
- The NH Association of Conservation Commission membership is due, \$296.00
 - Dave moved that we should continue this membership, Noel seconded. Motion passed
- Vital Communities has requested a donation. They help connect people to resources including transportation options, local food and farm information, and energy efficiency programs. They also have leadership programs, volunteer opportunities, a Valley Quest program for kids, and they host the annual Flavors of the Valley.
 - Dave moved that we donate \$50 to Vital Communities, Elizabeth seconded. The motion passed.

Bird in Hand

- The property needs to be walked this year. We're targeting December 10th, at 9am. Bill will contact the Andersons to let them know.

Discussion: What do we as a Commission want to do?

- Dave recommended increased public involvement in the town forest.
 - Boy/girl scout groups
 - Continued field trips with Len
 - Extend personal invitations to the Cardigan Mountain School
- Possibly extend the trails from the Town forest into Bear Pond Natural area. Permission from the current Bird in Hand owners to run the trail through their property would be great. We will talk with them.
- Create a fun brochure about the town forest
- Add additional information to the website about how to conserve land
- More discussion later

Misc

- Dave noted that the Cardigan Mountain School was quick to respond to the call for help during last week's flooding. The Commission wanted to note our appreciation for the School's strong support of our community.

Motion to adjourn made by Dave, seconded by Noel

Next meeting to be held on December 4, 2017 at the Senior Center

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Chabot

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, 2019

AVAILABLE: Two 3 year terms

Alternates:

Alice Schori
Noel Everts

Select board Representative

Dave McAlister