

## **Canaan Conservation Commission**

August 3, 2009

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Aaron Allen, Elizabeth Chabot, Kate Brooks

Special Guests: Christine Walker of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission and Laura Weit of the NH DES

### **Special presentation**

Christine and Laura appeared before the Commission to present and explain the Rivers management and Protection program. The Mascoma River, which flows through four municipalities, has been recommended a State Designation in this program. Once a designation takes place, a local advisory board is formed to review applications to the state. There are no new regulations as part of this designation, just local review. This helps create consistent policy along the length of a river.

### *Nomination process:*

- The nomination form is due June 2, 2010, but the draft is due by April. This is submitted to the Commissioner of DES
  - This includes a description of the rivers values and characteristics
- The river is reviewed (field trips etc) and the commissioner then recommends to the House or Senate for inclusion, and they in turn write a bill in the fall.
- RSA43, the River Statute, is then amended to add the river.

### *Classifications*

- There are four different river classifications. It is up to the nominator to select which is appropriate from the check sheet. Different laws apply for different classifications.

As a commission, we need to discuss this designation further and formulate a plan

### **Nature Hut (TREC)**

- Next work day is August 16 at 8:30
  - The plan is to install windows and the doors (built during the last work day) and possibly start building steps

### **Annual talk**

- Potential date: October 17<sup>th</sup>, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

### **Folding Sign**

- Aaron has built the sign. Elizabeth needs to paint it with the chalkboard paint.

Bill made a motion to adjourn- Elizabeth seconded. All approved.

***Next Meeting Monday September 14, 2009 7:00***

***To be held at the Meetinghouse***