

## **Canaan Conservation Commission**

December 2, 2013

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

### **Town Forest- Easement**

- Mike Samson is assisting the Commission with the language for the Warrant Article. He participated in tonight's meeting, and provided examples of existing easements' language. He cautioned the Commission regarding the use of language that would cause future problems such as understanding intent, or inflexible use of the land. The commission agreed that the intent of the easement was to ensure the land remains undeveloped, but not to restrict its use unreasonably, and will specify that the Canaan residents have the vote to authorize certain activities.

### **McKee Property- Upper Valley Aeromodelers**

- Robert McDonald joined us for a quick review of the portion of the McKee property easement that the Model Plane group uses. They are aware that the property is protected and are careful with their use of the area. They have paid for some tree maintenance as well as land upkeep which has improved the haying. Bob recommended that some of the larger trees be cut soon before they are past their prime and start causing problems. The shed that was previously noticed has been removed- it was only there for temporary purposes with the landowner's approval.

### **Minutes**

- The October minutes were reviewed. Dave moved that they be approved, Aaron seconded the motion, all approved
- The November minutes were reviewed. It was suggested that the comment regarding the shed on the McKee property be changed to 'was noticed' from 'was built'. Dave moved that we approve the minutes with the change, Aaron seconded, all approved.

### **Miscellany**

- Bill and Alice attended the presentation in Dorchester about the Emerald Ash Borer. They said it was very interesting and informative.

Motion to adjourn made by Elizabeth, seconded by Aaron

**Next meeting to be held on January 6, 2014 at the Senior Center.**