

Canaan Conservation Commission

June 2, 2014

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Aaron Allen, Hilary Rogers, Elizabeth Chabot, Len Reitsma, Noel Everts

Guest: Gary Wood, Joanna Carr

Follow up discussion regarding flooding in Canaan: *Friends of Canaan Village*

- Several CCC members walked the downtown portion of the Indian River with the “Friends” in May to better understand the flooding issue. The downtown area has a history of flooding and at its worst, can flood to route 4 in front of, but not to, the library. Typically flooding recedes quickly which contributes to it not being considered a disaster. However, the flooding is a likely detractor from development or improvements in that area.
- It was noted that the DES is performing a fluvial erosion study to the south on the Mascoma River. Possibly funds could be raised to add to the study
- It was asked if there are any mitigating options
- Bill will drop a note to DES contacts that he met at the Cardigan program this past spring.
- Joanna suggested that perhaps grant money could be available to help fund a study.

May Minutes

- The May minutes were reviewed. Len moved that the minutes be approved with amendment, Bill seconded the motion, all approved

Nature Hut

- Bill to contact the Upper Valley Land Trust about options to proceed with the Forest Easement

•

Misc

- The New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions offered to send a representative to the August meeting to present how they support local commissions.
 - Aaron to schedule the Meeting at the Meetinghouse
- The McKee walk needs to be scheduled
- Len wondered if there are any LCHIP funds available for property maintenance as the McKee parcel borders need remarking and in several areas, could use some clearing of downed trees and branches

Motion to adjourn made by Len, seconded by Aaron

Next meeting to be held on July 7, 2014 at the Senior Center.