

Canaan Conservation Commission

March 7, 2016

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

Minutes- January 2016

One correction to the January minutes: The "Saving Special Places" conference is April 9th, not February 9th.

Len moved that we approve the November minutes with correction, Dave seconded. All approved.

McKee Parcel

- Len completed the border marking along the rail trail.
- There have been no updates on the sale of the property. The Commission wondered if any of the local conservation-minded agencies, like MWCC, could be interested in the purchase of the property. Its proximity to the Bear Pond Natural Area and the conserved Town forest could be attractive. Also, the Quabbin to Cardigan organization could be interested as well since the location is directly in line with their area of interest. Bill will contact Kurt at the MWCC to gauge interest as well as Mascoma Bank, who holds the mortgage, to discuss what they need out of the property.

Earth Day Cleanup

- Earth day Clean up is scheduled for April 23 with a snow day of the 30th
- Elizabeth will make fliers
- Bill will email Sharon so the event will be included on a *FLASH EMAIL*!
- Meet at the beach 8:30-9 to sign up. Gloves/bags provided.

Town Forest

- Mike spoke with Dave Shinlinger. His class is designing and building signage for the Town Forest.
- Adding some gravel to make the parking look legitimate would be nice. Dave suggested we wait until summer when spring clean up and expenses are complete. The state will need to be notified.
- Mike is working on the mammal and plant survey, using information provided by Alice.

Energy Efficiency

- The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is funding programs related to energy saving. There may be financing available for local programs such as solar installations, which is something the Selectboard and Mike Samson have investigated in the past. Dave will forward any information that Mike has received regarding effort and cost to install solar panels in town.

Misc

- The Saving Special Places conference is April 9th. Mike and Bill are planning to attend. If anyone else is interested, let them know

Motion to adjourn made by Len, seconded by Dave

Next meeting to be held on April 4, 2015 at the Senior Center