

## **Canaan Conservation Commission**

May 1, 2017

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

### **Minutes ~April**

Correction: The Wellborn Ecology Fund request has already been accepted.

Mike Moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Dave seconded. All approved

### **Commission Membership Change**

Mike Mezzacapo has been accepted as a Michigan Sea Grant Fellow with the International Joint Commission in Ottawa. Mike will work with the Commission on matters such as water pollution, public outreach, and economic development to ensure the Great Lakes are usable, drinkable, swimmable, etc. The commission has the ears of both countries. This year-long position begins June 1, so Mike is resigning from the Conservation Commission. Mike's term expires in October of this year. Currently, Ashley is planning to stay in Canaan and on the Commission.

### **Audubon Certification**

- Our Audubon contact, Fred, returns to the office in June. Mike has requested that someone call him and coordinate the walk-through of the Town Forest. Mike will finish up the paperwork and will leave it with Bill and/or Len.

### **Earth Day**

- Clean up was last weekend and went well.

### **McKee Parcel**

- Dave will invite the new owners to attend the next CCC meeting
- The buildings have been razed, property has been tidied.
- Need to schedule the annual walk for early fall.

### **Nature Hut**

- The Canaan Rec Department could be interested in a Town Forest Day program.
- Need to print more trail maps
- Len to ask Dave Shinnlinger if he has any more "clean cans" so one can be put at the Forest.
- Question to investigate: How does one get a state Point of interest sign?

### **Misc**

- Cardigan Mountain School has purchased 30 leaf rakes from the hardware store, and students are volunteering to rake and clean up yards

Motion to adjourn made by Elizabeth, seconded by Dave

***Next meeting to be held on June 5, 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: 3 year term,  
ending Oct 31, 2017

Ashley Wojnarowski: 3 year term,  
ending Oct 31, 2017

**Alternates:**

Alice Schori  
Noel Everts

**Select board Representative**

Dave McAlister