

Canaan Conservation Commission

December 4, 2017

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Len Reitsma, Noel Everts, Alice Schori, Dave McAlister, Elizabeth Chabot

Minutes ~November

The minutes were reviewed

Alice moved that they be accepted as presented, Len seconded. The motion passed.

Bird in Hand

- December 10th, at 9am is the scheduled annual walk. Bill will contact the Andersons to let them know. Anything we don't complete, Len said he could complete later.

Discussion: What do we as a Commission want to do?

- Notes from November Meeting in Grey:
- *Dave recommended increased public involvement in the town forest.*
 - *Boy/girl scout groups*
 - *Continued field trips with Len*
 - *Extend personal invitations to the Cardigan Mountain School*
- *Possibly extend the trails from the Town forest into Bear Pond Natural area. Permission from the current Bird in Hand owners to run the trail through their property would be great. We will talk with them.*
- *Create a fun brochure about the town forest*
- *Add additional information to the website about how to conserve land*
- Additional notes from this meeting:
 - How can the CCC help conserve agricultural lands? Fields? Flood Plains?
 - Could a campground along the rail trail add appeal? Len met other cyclists recently who inquired. Autumn Harvest Farm in Grafton is putting in a few sites. Dave has an idea of a spot in Canaan that could work and will chat with the landowner.

Misc

- April 7, 2018 is the annual Saving Special Places conference. Please advise Bill if you want to go.
- Town Forest Snowshoe: Tentatively scheduled for February 24th. Bill will check the UVLT website to check that their winter snowshoe date isn't a conflict.
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Motion to adjourn made by Dave, seconded by Len

Next meeting to be held on January 8, 2018 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: Two 3 year terms

Alternates:

Alice Schori
Noel Everts

Select board Representative

Dave McAlister