

## Conservation Commission

### Minutes

June 5, 2006

Attendees: Len Reitsma (chair), Kate Brooks, David Shinnlinger, Aaron Allen, Elizabeth Chabot, Bill Chabot

Len made a motion to accept the minutes, with corrections, from the April Meeting. Kate seconded, all approved.

#### Annual Lecture:

- Date: Friday August 11.
- Kate called Jim Miller and confirmed the availability of the Meeting House for August 11.
- We need to put publicity for Annual lecture on the July agenda.
- Aaron has a Barb McCallister painting to raffle
- Dave has one birdhouse

Nature Hut: Len, Dave, and Aaron plan to meet June 6 at 3:30 to preview ideas and property. Len to email results of recon- then go to selectboard meeting with map of trail and rough site plan. Aaron noted that hemlock is cheap- possibly it would make more sense to buy the wood rather than lumber the area. He'll check available lumber on the site.

Heidenrich Land: A conservation buyer has purchased the land.

Bird-in-Hand Farm: Len emailed Steve Walker of the Office of State Planning who said that Cynthia and Fran have the right to subdivide the non-easement portion.

#### Watershed:

- Should we put together a funding plan to help offset costs of easements prior to talking to land owners? Possibility of a \$2-3,000 cost to the owner for surveying.
- What's in it for the owner?
- Possibly we should have an initial meeting with the landowners to gauge interest, then solicit funding.
  - Len to contact Lloyd and Ruth Weinreb, the Roebucks and Romanokes
- The Watershed Commission is interested in grants as well- may be able to piggy back.
- Talk to Alice, who is on the Watershed Protection Committee, to see if they have funding to help support.

#### Misc Business:

- Last year's Land Use Change Tax totaled \$53,842.66

- Our current balance for the Conservation Commission is \$26,056.97. Possibly we could consider using some of our money for the easement costs
  - Len moved that we give conceptual approval to use CC funds to partially offset costs of joint easement. Dave seconded.
  - We'll need to have a public hearing and state exactly what we're funding. Currently the thinking is 50% of cost, or up to a maximum of \$1,500.
- General Duties while Len is away:
  - Kate: Call Meetings and get mail
  - Dave and Aaron to perform site checks
  - Elizabeth and Bill to keep minutes

Len motioned to adjourn the meeting  
Dave seconded.

Next Meeting: July 5