

Canaan Conservation Commission

August 4, 2014

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

Guests: Gary Wood, Nik Coates

Reintroduction to the NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC): *NikCoates*

- Town Dues fund:
 - Lobby
 - keeps power in communities & permits collaborations with land trusts
 - Protect our interests
 - Education
 - Annual meeting- First Saturday in November
 - Field Training
 - Free-to-public series June-October
 - Engages kids
 - Mobile mapping
 - 2 wetland sessions
 - Newsletter & monthly email
 - Technical assistance
- What Nik recommends to CCCs
 - Have a natural resource inventory
 - Have a conservation plan
 - Know what's important to the town
 - Active landowner relationships
 - A fund
 - Procedures
 - By-laws
 - Conflict of interest policy
- Len moved that we re-join the NH Association as full members, Aaron seconded. Motion passed.

Follow up discussion regarding flooding in Canaan: *Gary Wood*

- Gary reported that the old culvert was inspected and there are no obstructions.
- The gristmill bridge is slated for replacement in the early 2020s

July Minutes

- Aaron moved that the minutes be approved, Bill seconded the motion, all approved

Nature Hut

- Most trails are now open. Several need re-marking
- May be able to get help from the NHACC

McKee Parcel

- The McKee parcel sale is off- taxes were paid
- Annual walk is due. We scheduled a maintenance day for Sept 13, starting at 8:30am

Misc

- Current account balance is \$47,000
- Steve Walker responded to Bill's inquiry into if there are LCHIP funds available for property maintenance. There are none.
- Years ago, our CCC petitioned the town for a small budget. We had a short discussion about requesting a warrant article asking for funding that would cover the NHACC dues and supplies for the annual clean up.

Motion to adjourn made by Elizabeth, seconded by Aaron

Next meeting to be held on September 8, 2014 at the Senior Center