

## West Fairlee Conservation Commission

### Approved Minutes – Meeting of January 27, 2015

**Attending:** John Boutin , Ann Stephens, Peggy Willey, Rebecca Wurdak

The meeting began at 7:02 PM.

1. **Minutes** from the December meeting were not approved because there was no quorum.
2. **Poaching:** Chris Long turned evidence over to Dave Paganelli, who agreed to pursue, going through attorney's office. This is the proper way, but will take some time.
3. **Planning for Water Quality Presentation** February 5. Discussion concerning how many will attend: 5-7 presenters will come, Representatives from selectboards and conservation commissions of Thetford, and Health officer (hopeful other board members) from Vershire. Publicity: tone should be not to blame or find fault , but to plan and move forward. Valley News article, *List of affected individuals we think might be interested- assigned CC members to call.* Need for Projector, table, screen, place for handouts  
Established who will bring what refreshments, and who will set up.
4. **STZ committee.** Need to find a common time for Geoff, Guy , Ann and Peg to review comments and suggestions from Dave, Donna and Sue Morse and consider incorporating them into the text.
5. **Firewood from Brushwood Community Forest.** Ann read thoughts that Geoff had presented in an email. We decided that Linda and Nate should be invited to February meeting to offer their proposal. After this we could bring Dave Paganelli into the discussion once it is determined what they have in mind and if we consider it feasible.
6. **Handling such suggestions in the future:** Ann read the following suggestion that Geoff had proposed in the same email (since he could not attend this meeting):

When people come to individual members of the CC with ideas involving our work and response-abilities, we should discuss these idea just enough to decide whether they are serious enough for consideration. If they are, then we should invite the person offering the idea to come and talk with us. This will save enormous amounts of time and energy speculating about what might be intended and what we can or can't do about ideas that have not yet been explained to us.

This was agreed by all to be a good policy, that we would try to keep in mind for the future.

7. **Lake Fairlee dam** Fred reported that the Tri-Town Lake Fairlee Dam Committee's proposal is in the middle of the permitting process at the State level. An agreement has been sent to the dam owners for signing as well. There will not be a bond vote ready for Town Meeting, as the committee needs to have a an exact cost figure to bid on, and there can be changes in construction part, which will affect bids. Hearings will also have to be held. There will be a Special Meeting this spring when permits arrive. Next series of meeting just ahead of bond votes. The process is moving smoothly, but it simply can't move faster.

8) **Education**- ideas discussed for possible presentations and outings for this year. Theme may be Resilience/ adaptation.