

West Fairlee Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes –Meeting March 24, 2015

Attending: John Boutin, Geoffrey Gardner, Ann Stephens, Jim Totin, Peggy Willey, Rebecca Wurdak and guests from the Thetford Conservation Commission: Libby Chapin, Ann Lavanway, Li Shen and Skip Sturman.

The meeting began at 7:10 PM.

- 1. Fundraising for Conservation Projects:** Four members of the Thetford Conservation Commission spent a long and thoroughly prepared time to tell us how they have gone about raising funds for a variety of conservation projects in Thetford and from people at all levels of the fundraising “pyramid.” They had written materials to share and stories about their strategies and how they have integrated fundraising and other commission activities.
- 2. Minutes:** It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Commission’s meetings of December 16, 2014 and February 24, 2015.
- 3. Treasurer’s Report:** No Treasurer’s report was available.
- 4. Junk Removal From the Ompompanoosuc in the Vicinity of the School:** John reported on his visit with Jonathan Blake to the site of the junked cars and other materials in the river. Jonathan indicated the Blakes would be able to remove the materials from the river and get them to the landfill after snow melt. It was moved seconded and passed unanimously that coordinating with the school, the owners of the adjacent property and the Blakes it will be worthwhile to pursue this clean-up as close to Green-Up Day as possible. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to request that the Selectboard approve expenditure of up to \$2,000.00 from the Conservation Commission Fund for this effort. John will continue coordinating with the principal parties.
- 5. Green-Up Day:** There was thorough discussion of what Green-Up Day tasks formerly undertaken by Julie Paye the commission would have to handle. Members volunteered to take on the necessary work.
- 6. Fund Raising Committee:** It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to set up a Fund Raising Committee. The members volunteering to work on the committee are John Boutin, Geoff Gardner, Ann Stephens, Peggy Willey and Rebecca Wurdak.
- 7. Firewood from Brushwood:** Linda Bacceti is out of town. Geoff reported that heating assistance for families in need falls to a number of State agencies and he hasn’t yet been able to figure out which one might help with this effort. John will talk to the person in Norwich who has worked on a similar effort there.
- 8. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 9:20.