

## **West Fairlee Conservation Commission**

### **Draft Minutes –Meeting June 23, 2015**

**Attending:** John Boutin, Fred Cook, Geoffrey Gardner, Jim Totin, Peggy Willey

The meeting lacked a quorum and no actions were taken.

The meeting began at 7:10 PM.

1. **Minutes:** Minutes of the May 26 meeting were reviewed. No action was taken.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** No Treasurer's report was available.
3. **Ompompanoosuc Water Testing:** Testing began on June 15. Results will be posted after each test date online at <http://www.connecticutriver.us/site/content/sites-list> The Conservation Commission will also post results monthly on the West Fairlee listserv.
4. **Ompompanoosuc Dump Site:** On Monday, July 13 Peggy and John of the Conservation Commission and Jonathan Blake will meet with Sacha Peeler of the State Rivers Program and Julie Foley, DEC District Wetlands Ecologist to inspect the dump site adjacent to the Westshire School to discuss how the clean-up can best be managed.
5. **Statewide Lakes and Ponds Meeting:** Peggy reported on the Lakes and Ponds meeting she attended in Burlington. Subjects of greatest interest were the issue of plastics in the water and the appearance of the invasive Spiny Water Flea in Lake Champlain. The most recent information on the latter can be found at <http://www.vtinvasives.org/news/update-status-spiny-water-flea-lake-champlain>
6. **Lake Fairlee Dam:** Fred reported on the status of the Lake Fairlee Dam project. Construction work is likely to begin before the end of June.
7. **Trail Work:** After a general discussion of the need for clean-up of trails in Brushwood South, John offered to walk and clear the Wpanak Trail, Peggy and Fred will do the same on the Crawford Loop. We will contact Ann to see if she can walk and clear the Presidential Trail.
8. **Wild Chervil:** Modest progress on wild chervil control was discussed. Geoff will place a notice on the Town listserv, cautioning that anyone who continues to remove or cut wild chervil now bag the plants and dispose of them without inadvertently spreading seed.
9. **Fall Education Programs:** Speakers will include Bridget Butler on birds and Leif Richardson on bees.
10. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 8:35.