

## Guilford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes August 20, 2015

Attending: Linda Hecker, Bevan Quinn, Susan James, Marli Rabinowitz, Rory Lincoln, Bill Jewell, Gabby Cuiffreda, Karen Murphy  
Not attending: Linda Lembke

Meeting called to order at 5:05PM.

The following were changes to the agenda

- Review Round Mountain walk
- Susan James added a brief discussion about invasive plant species under new business.
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The July 16, 2015 meeting minutes were accepted.

Gordon Little has agreed to fill the open slot on the GCC commission. Linda Hecker will make a recommendation to that effect to the select board.

The work on the Weeks Forest Trail needs to be started this late summer and fall. Several work dates were agreed on:

- Sunday September 13, Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday October 3 (if needed) all from 9-2.

Bevan has sent a list of tasks to Linda Lembke that include cleaning out culverts, weed whacking, removing small saplings where needed, removing the fire ring (and possibly use the logs as benches). Bring tools that you may have including pry bars, shovels, weed whacker, come along, tractor. Linda Lembke will post these dates on the Front Porch Forum and Karen will send it to the walk list.

Upcoming tasks also include protecting the existing Weeks Forest Sign and designing a trail guide and register box.

### Natural Resources Inventory

Susan James has been working on the Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) and reports that she has Draft 1B finished. Susan also attended a select board meeting where a yes vote was taken on providing matching funds for the MPG. Susan, Gabby and Linda Hecker attended a Planning Commission meeting on August 18. The PC asked good questions about the inventory and voted to unanimously to support the MPG.

Susan will send out the draft soon, particularly to get comments on content. Gabby will be assisting Susan with the online application process. It is due at the end of September and if accepted we will know in December.

The Round Mountain walk had a good number of folks from other towns. Also two new residents of Guilford were there and have been added to our walk list.

Other business: Susan James wanted to know if there is a revolving loan fund that land owners could borrow from to help combat IPS. Gabby said that the problem is having someone administer and monitor such a fund. We all felt pessimistic about controlling knotweed even with potential financial help.

Next walk is October 17 at 10 AM at the Delta Campus Trails near the Commonwealth Campus. More info to come but directions can be seen on Brattleboro's web site. It is only about a mile walk.

Next meeting is Thursday, September 17 at 5 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Murphy  
Clerk Guilford Conservation Commission