

Guilford Conservation Commission Meeting October 15, 2015

Attending: Susan James, Gordon Little, Linda Hecker, Marli Rabinowitz, Rory Lincoln, Gabby Cuiffreda, Karen Murphy, Bevan Quinn

Not attending: Bill Jewell, Linda Lembke

Meeting called to order at 5:02

Moved to adjust agenda putting review of town plan near the end of the meeting.

Minutes accepted on motion.

Weeks Forest review: There was a work day on September 26 with about 10 people, half of those commission members. Bevan was the lead on work to be done. We walked to the end of the trail with folks tackling various projects as we went along. In less than three hours the trail had been weed whacked, the metal culvert removed and retaining walls put in place, overhanging limbs lopped off and a fair amount of invasive plant species removed. Shaun Murphy worked on the Weeks Forest sign by repositioning it and adding rain protection on top and sides. Steve Lembke removed two trees at the start of the trail and now there is a clear view of the sign from the road. Everyone was well pleased with the amount of trail work accomplished. Further work planned for this fall is placing rocks below a washed out area, removing the metal culvert and taking it to the metal recycling dumpster, and placing a large flat stone over the place where the culvert was removed.

Linda L and Karen reported on their meeting with Jen Kramer who is the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at GCS. Jen will be in touch with Chris Pryor from NEFF to discuss the fire pit the children use on Forest Fridays. She thinks that the kids will want to be part of the trail work by interviewing Reed and Barbara Anthony and mapping interesting places along the trail.

Susan J and Gabby reported that the Municipal Planning Grant was submitted (and confirmed). Results will be announced in December. If the grant is accepted it may not have the full amount asked for. In that case we may have to look at other possible small grants to reach our desired financial need for the Natural Resources Inventory.

We have a scheduled walk on October 17 at 10 AM on the Delta Campus Light Footprint Trail.

Our next walk is on Sunday, December 13 at 10 AM. We will be walking the old road from the Miller Road in Brattleboro to Herb Ashworth's house.

We spent time reviewing the Natural Resources section of the current town plan to prioritize projects. Linda H will create an action plan based on our discussion. At this point the Natural Resources Inventory is number one on the list.

The next meeting will be held on November 18 in Brattleboro as part of the annual joint Conservation Commissions in the area. It will replace our regular meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:17.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Murphy Clerk Guilford Conservation Commission