Conservation Commission

Minutes

July 10, 2006

Attendees: Len Reitsma (chair), Kate Brooks, David Shinnlinger, Elizabeth Chabot, Bill Chabot

Len made a motion to accept the minutes, from the June Meeting. Dave seconded, all approved.

Annual Lecture:

- Date: Friday August 11, 7:30
- We need to work on publicity
 - Dave and Kate will collaborate on the design
- Len will write a letter to the Valley News editor and will contact the local Audubon centers to invite them
- Dave will chat about the Nature Hut
- The Conservation Commission should have refreshments, and also has been asked to provide refreshments for the last Meeting House reading the evening before, the 10th.

Nature Hut:

- Len, Dave, and Aaron did the site check. There are two potential build-able sites.
- They will plot the topo and put together a package for the select board to review.
- Aaron did the drawings and materials list.
- Dave spoke to the superintendent of the school and he is on board with including Dave's class- Dave has only committed to carving out the frame. (Spring term project)
- Dave and Len to meet once more before end of August to make the decision whether to use on-site logs or purchase lumber
- Bill and Elizabeth are taking down a couple of pines and are willing to donate the trees for the project if they are satisfactory
- Consider asking Mascoma bank if they would float a grant to complete

Watershed:

- Dave and Len met with the Cardigan Mountain Business Manager. The sense is that it's the board's decision to put the land into easement or not.
- Dave and Len to put together a proposal for Tom Needham to present to the board.
- Misc notes on Cardigan:
 - 1989 an entire new system was installed with much forethought for the future
 - There are conservation-minded neighbors adjacent to Cardigan

Misc Business:

Many dredge and fill applications have arrived recently. Kate and Len to review

Kate motioned to adjourn the meeting Len seconded.

Next Meeting: August 7.