

Conservation Commission

Minutes

February 5, 2007

Attendees: Len Reitsma (chair), Kate Brooks, Elizabeth Chabot, Bill Chabot, Alice Schori,

General discussion:

- Alice, Kate and Len looked at the town maps and strategized conservation corridors.
- A VIP at Lyme Timber is buying large tracts of land, trying to link them up. We would like to see if we can connect any of these tracts to ours and through to Enfield.

Article 19: Carbon Coalition

- Town meeting- very positive reaction
- Zoning ordinance: Considerable discussion – pleased to see that it's a visible topic
- As a commission, we could register our disappointment of a lack of a conservation district in the master Plan

Upper Valley Land Trust Annual meeting

- Alice, Len and Kate attended
- Need to understand how to collectively and collaboratively raise awareness for conservation

Gretchen Renee

- Len met with Gretchen and two members of the UV Land Trust
- Easements actually cost approx \$8k-9k each, including appraisal, assessment, survey, stewardship endowment, staff costs
- UVLT agrees next best step is for Gretchen to call folks who are good prospects in the Grafton area, Next step possibly involve us.
- Alice to email Peter Ellis about prospective large parcels

Annual Report

- Len submitted our report after the last meeting

Len moved to adjourn the meeting

Kate seconded.