

Conservation Commission

Minutes

January 7, 2008

Attendees: Bill Chabot (co-chair), Aaron Allen (co-chair), Kate Brooks, Elizabeth Chabot, Dave Shinnlinger, Jamie Jukosky, Alice Schori

Minutes Approval

November 2007: Alice moved to accept the minutes, with the spelling correction of 'siltation' Kate seconded, all approved

December 2007: Dave moved to accept the minutes, with the spelling of his name corrected, Alice seconded, all approved.

Trec (aka Nature Hut)

- Dave wants his current students to finish the structure. He will review plan with the principal and will work out any outstanding issues
- Len had some contact with Dave Zani about making the path smoother. Not sure where that sits
- WE need to be sure we have a permit in place before we bring in the structure. Aaron to look into this.
- Kate suggested we submit a request for a dredge and fill permit to DES for official approval. Kate will pick up an application
- There was a great article in the Valley News about the Nature Hut!

Canaan Lake Study

- No one has heard anything official, but it sounds like the Grant will come through for the study.

Bird-in-Hand

- The potential issue at hand is that there was a sale of the airstrip lot. The deed stipulates that the CCC and the state were to be informed of any change of ownership- this did not happen. Also, the property is to remain agricultural.
- Bill & Aaron talked to Cynthia and Fran about the sale of the airstrip- lot. Another conversation also was held with the purchaser of the property.
- Bill filled out the appropriate paperwork and sent it to Stephen Walker who is the Stewardship Specialist of the state Conservation Land Stewardship.
- Bill to make a follow up call to Stephen.

“Dump Parcel”

- Mr Burnett has completed his timber inventory and has recommended a selective cut
- The town needs to decide what to do about improving the sewage system and may need to clear cut some of this parcel to accommodate the needs
- The town is not interested in any trails through this parcel.

Other Business

- Jamie sent letters to large land-holders regarding tax breaks for land easements. No one on the commission received any responses/inquiries.

- Kate heard that there are some water supply issues in the southern part of the state because of people tapping into the resources for bottling water.
- Members of the CCC would like to take advantage of any educational opportunities related to wetlands, map reading etc. Jamie said he knows of some resources and will email any information he has. There may be some money in the appropriated budget to help with any expenses.

CCC Members

We reviewed the membership of the Conservation Commission and made the following changes:

- Len has been moved to Alternate status and is no longer the chair
- Aaron has been moved to full status.
- Bill and Aaron are now the co-chairs

Aaron moved to Adjourn

Bill seconded the motion

Next meeting: February 4th, 2008