

## **Canaan Conservation Commission**

March 2, 2009

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Aaron Allen, Alice Schori, Elizabeth Chabot.

*Prospective members: Laura, Noel and Andy*

### **Conservation Commission Fee**

- Traditionally, the \$200 dues for the NH Association of Conservation Commissions came from the \$700 budget line. This year, this budget line has been eliminated
- The current membership is \$225. Bill read the website for the Association and can't determine if we actually have to be a member to be a commission, if there are any legalities or any rights we would lose if we were not a member. He will look further into this matter further.
- If we decide to maintain our membership, we will pursue payment from the town. Apparently the town has violated our account and removed funds without Commission approval which is required.

### **Earth Day**

- Annual roadside cleanup is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting place is at the Canaan Street Lake Beach- 9am.
- We need signs. Bill and Elizabeth to work on those.
- There may also be another opportunity to apply for two trees or another 600 daffodils

### **Community Forests and Open Space Conservation Program**

- A questionnaire was sent regarding any interest or experience our commission has with easements and land protection. Bill will email everyone the questions. If everyone could please email your responses, he will collect them for a unified response.

### **Risley Meeting**

- This meeting was held on February 9<sup>th</sup>- Alice attended. It included a variety of conservation groups
- A large part of the discussion centered on Grafton Pond being 'over loved'. There was talk about more emphasis on 'pack in, pack out' and leaving the loons alone.

### **Misc**

- March 12 is a Q&A session with the town lawyer hosted by the planning board. It is a public event. Bill will email the time and place. Bernie Waugh to discuss the recently enacted laws and regulations.
- There was a question: can we put some of our commission money into CDs

### **New Members**

- We had three prospective new members visit tonight. Laura Abbene agreed to become a full time member
  - Bill moved that we accept Laura as a new member, Aaron seconded, we all agreed.

### **Minutes**

- There were no minutes from the February meeting for approval
- Aaron moved to adjourn, Bill seconded the motion, all approved.

***Next Meeting Monday April 6, 2009 7:00***

***To be held at the Senior Center***