

## **Canaan Conservation Commission**

November 2, 2009

Attendees: Aaron Allen, Elizabeth Chabot, Kate Brooks, Len Reitsma, Noel Everts, Alice Schori

Special guests: Sara Coons, John Bergeron

### **New Hampshire Rivers Management**

We recapped last month's presentation for those not present. It sounds like a good program to be involved with, although we're not sure who has the time to devote to it. We need to keep this discussion on our agenda for follow up.

### **Nature Hut (TREC)**

- On hold until spring
- We need to build a ramp and stairs
- Len to supply 3 more windows if he has the larger size.

### **Mrs Chalmers' property**

- The Conservation Commission would be willing to donate some money towards the cost of the easement provided that the easement permits public access to the land.
- Alice commented that the Mascoma watershed might be willing to contribute as well.

### **Annual Budget Committee Meeting**

- The committee has 8:25 at their December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting reserved for the Conservation Commission

### **Upper Valley Trails Alliance**

- The Upper Valley Trails Alliance advocates for the use, maintenance and development of trails in the region. Sara Coons joined our meeting tonight to present what the Alliance does, and offer support with the trails we have talked about creating around the Nature hut.
- The rail to trail path along route 4 is one corridor that UVTA is promoting, and the Nature Hut, being in close proximity to the path, would be a great 'destination' site.

### **Source Water Protection Committee**

- This committee was formed to identify potential contamination sources to Canaan Street Lake, to develop specific recommendations to manage water quality threats, and to provide a meaningful foundation for decision-making regarding water sources in the town of Canaan.
- John Bergeron is looking for a replacement on this committee. There are no meetings until April, and then there is 1 meeting per month for 1 hour.

### **Daffodils**

- The daffodils were handed out at the recycling center and were well received.

### **McKee Parcel**

- Aaron walked the portion of the parcel open to public access. Logging is permitted every 10 years, so this spring Jim Burnett's management plan will be executed.
- Some conclusion to the easement issue is forthcoming

### **Misc**

- Current balance on the CCC account is approximately \$34k
- In a previous meeting we had briefly mentioned the 350.org movement. The event is now over, but there may still be some town-wide carbon reduction action that could be promoted.
- Alice Schori has requested that she be made an alternate instead of full member of the Commission.

**Minutes**

- The minutes from September were reviewed.
- Aaron moved that they be approved, Len seconded.

Len made a motion to adjourn- Aaron seconded. All approved.

***Next Meeting Monday December 7, 2009 7:00***

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