

Canaan Conservation Commission

December 7, 2009

Attendees: Kate Brooks, Bill Chabot, Noel Everts, Alice Schori. Aaron Allen, Elizabeth Chabot, Sara Coons

Guest: Dave Barney

Goose Pond Road Salt Issue- Dave Barney

- Dave presented a petition for a warrant article to eliminate the use of road salt around Goose Pond. High levels of phosphorus in Goose Pond seem to have contributed to cyanobacteria levels in the past.
- The town has an existing no-salt policy that has been violated (winter maintenance policy 2006)
- The Warrant specifies: low salt zone, appropriate signage and sweeping up the sand after the season.

Lake Host Funding

- Currently the town has funding for this program in the budget but Dave is unsure what will come from the state. He is not yet requesting support from the Conservation Commission.

Mascoma River Designation

- The petition is due in June
- To do:
 - Contact list of stakeholders as well as informal contacts
 - Organize Mascoma river walks

Mrs Chalmer's property

- The easement is complete and funded, no action requested of the CCC

Budget Committee

- The Budget Committee meeting is being held on Dec 17. The Conservation Commission has a slot at 8:25. Aaron will attend.

Upper Valley Trails Alliance

- Sara Coons is presenting a Trails Forum in Enfield on December 9 from 6:30-7:30. Bill and Aaron will attend and speak as needed. An Enfield trails map is being drafted.

Nature Hut

- Sara and Elizabeth will get together at some point to talk about trails at the Nature Hut. The thought is that we could snow shoe the property to begin the plan. Alice said she could supply the marking tape.
- We should include Len to whatever degree he would want to be included as he knows the property very well and could suggest some highlights.
- We are setting a goal to have some sort of trail system on the town forest property by next fall.

Minutes

- The November minutes were reviewed. Aaron moved to accept, Bill seconded. All approved.

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

Next Meeting Monday January 4, 2010 7:00

To be held at the Senior Center