

Canaan Conservation Commission

November 7, 2011

Attendees: Aaron Allen, Bill Chabot, Elizabeth Chabot, Len Reitsma, Mandy Ruest, Kate Brooks, Alice Schori

Guests: Noel Everts, Hillary Rogers, Michael Samson

Selectboard request

- Michael Samson attended the Conservation Commission meeting this evening to request, on behalf of members of the Selectboard, a report of the Role, Powers and Function of the Commission. One question in particular that was asked of us is “Why do we think we can speak for the town” to which our response is that we don’t and haven’t, we can only represent the Commission. We will pen a letter to the Selectboard, with the requested information. The Selectboard requests this letter by their next meeting on November 22nd for review.

Conservation fund

- It does not appear that any of the Current Use monies have been deposited into the Conservation Commission account yet this year. Aaron will follow up on this.

Nature Hut

- Next work day is December 10th at 8:00

Bird in Hand/Mckee Parcel

- The annual walk is due. Bill and Aaron will do this in the next month

Misc

- The Bird and Garden Club requested that one of our members attend a meeting and describe some of the activities in which we are engaged. Bill obliged and took some photos of the Nature Hut. (While at the hut he discovered that Hurricane Irene disturbed the steps/ramps and they need to be repositioned). The Garden Club gave a \$50 donation to the Commission.
- The Nature Conservancy project is currently on hold pending resolution on some details with the current land owner. This means they had to withdraw the grant request until next year.

Minutes

- There was a brief meeting in October whose purpose was only to approve minutes. Minutes will be approved at the December meeting

Aaron moved to adjourn the meeting

Len seconded

The next meeting will be Monday December 5th at the Senior Center