

Canaan Conservation Commission

December 5, 2011

Attendees: Aaron Allen, Bill Chabot, Elizabeth Chabot, Len Reitsma, Mandy Ruest, Kate Brooks, Marcia Wilson

Guests: Noel Everts, Hillary Rogers

Selectboard request

- The Report to the Selectboard of the Role and responsibilities of the Conservation Commission was submitted. Several commission members were present at the Selectboard meeting of November 22nd to respond to questions.

Nature Hut

- The ramps have been repositioned.
- The next work day is December 10th. Meet at 8:00 at the hut.
- We agreed that in the near future we should talk to the Select board about how the Hut should be 'advertised' or made available to the public.

Bird in Hand/Mckee Parcel

- The annual walk was performed on November 12th.

Conservation Commission Members

- Another request came from the Selectboard for the Commission to provide an accounting of its members and their terms. While we have records of voting to accept members or to change status or titles, the retention votes are not clear. We reviewed everyone's status based upon when they either joined the commission or changed status and agreed to the following which was provided to the Selectboard:
 - Aaron Allen, Co-Chair, April 2014
 - Bill Chabot, Co-Chair, April 2014
 - Elizabeth Chabot, Secretary, April 2014
 - Kate Brooks, January 2013
 - Mandy Ruest, May 2014

ALTERNATES

- Len Reitsma
- Alice Shori

Bill moved that we accept the above, and Len seconded.

Additionally, Noel and Hillary have been regular guests for some time and they were invited to be Alternates.

- Aaron moved that Noel be accepted as an alternate, Len seconded
- Aaron moved that Hilary be accepted as an alternate, Mandy seconded.
- All approved the above.

Misc

- April 22nd 2012 is Earth Day. We agreed that the annual clean up would be April 21st. Bill to request that this be posted on the town website.
- We discussed having representation on the planning board. Marcia suggested that we be copied on the Agenda and decide if representation is needed at a particular meeting or not.
- The Nature Conservancy project remains on hold

Minutes

- October: Mandy moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, Aaron seconded, all approved
- November: The first paragraph notes that the Commission letter is due to the Select board September 22, the correct date is November 22. Bill moved that we accept the November minutes with this correction, Marcia seconded, all approved.

Len moved to adjourn the meeting

Bill seconded

The next meeting will be Monday January 2nd at the Senior Center