

# Canaan Conservation Commission

April 2, 2012

Attendees: Noel Everts, Bill Chabot, Elizabeth Chabot, Kate Brooks, Alice Schori, Mandy Ruest, Len Reitsma

Guest: Jackie Shibles

## Nature Hut

- The March 25<sup>th</sup> date was rained out. We'll discuss options with Aaron and will email dates.
- No feedback yet from the Selectboard regarding any suggestions/thoughts they might have regarding how to launch the Nature hut
- Mandy suggested having some sort of 'lesson plan' available for teachers who want to bring their classes.
  - Consider having laminated tree identification charts or tags on certain trees along the path
  - Len suggested bringing a 'trial' group in June when there are plenty of birds
    - Bill to email Marcia to expedite any Selectboard feedback to allow us to pursue a June time frame
    - Len fine with any age group.
- Regarding access and trails in, Len suggested we look at the existing parking area and consider a 'bridge' over the swamp for easier access. A large beaver dam is on the way and would be a great thing for visitors to see.
- Len and Alice are working with the Bear Pond stewardship plan. Some trail maintenance is required. Also, there are some possibilities of linking the Bear Pond trails to a Nature Hut trail.

## Annual Roadside Clean up

- Scheduled for April 21, 2012.
- Posters are available for hanging. The event is also on the town website
- The Cardigan Mountain School does not seem to be available to help this year

## Misc

- Len does not have a copy of the Wetland survey. Elizabeth emailed Vicky McAlister who said we can look through the archives.
- Marcia sent an email about the Grade School planning a garden for the Spring of 2013. Perhaps the CCC can be involved in some meaningful way. More details to come.
- The 2010 Conservation funding for 2010 has been deposited.

- The Lebanon Lions Club is hosting a Mascoma River clean –up. The date will not be July 14<sup>th</sup> as planned due to the Prouty.
- Len, Alice, and Bill attended a meeting about the proposed Quabbin to Cardigan trail. A large section of the proposed trail already exists, the biggest open section is the Kearsarge to Cardigan portion. There will be two more upcoming meetings. Attendees included various trail groups, outdoor clubs, and Conservation commissions.

#### **Minutes**

- March 2012: Correction: Aaron was missing from the list of attendees.
- Alice moved to approve the minutes with the above correction. Bill seconded, all approved.

Elizabeth moved to adjourn the meeting.

Alice seconded

**The next meeting will be Monday May 7th at the Senior Center**