

## **Canaan Conservation Commission**

July 7, 2014

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Dave McAlister, Noel Everts, Elizabeth Chabot, Len Reitsma

Guest: Gary Wood

### **Follow up discussion regarding flooding in Canaan: Gary Wood**

- Several problem areas were discussed including where Orange Brook joins the Indian River.
- An existing old culvert that spills into the Indian River is a suspect in the Ballpark flooding. It is possible that there is an obstruction in the culvert. Before spending money on other options, such as studies, it makes sense to determine if there is blockage, and if so, to remove it.
- Gary will contact the fire company to determine if they can assist.
- Gary will also ask Ken Warren of the Rail Trails if they have a method of cleaning out culverts.
- Bill noted that a fluvial erosion study costs \$3,200 per mile.

### **June Minutes**

- The June minutes were reviewed. It was noted that “effluvial study” should be changed to “fluvial erosion study”. Bill moved that the minutes be approved with amendment, Dave seconded the motion, all approved

### **Nature Hut**

- Bill to contact the Upper Valley Land Trust about options to proceed with the Forest Easement

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### **Misc**

- Dave McAlister advised that the McKee parcel is currently slated for sheriff sale. The annual walk is on hold pending outcome.
- The New Hampshire Association of Conservation representative will attend the August meeting to present how they support local commissions. The meeting will be held at the Meetinghouse.
- Bill asked Steve Walker if there are LCHIP funds available for property maintenance. Waiting for response.

Motion to adjourn made by Elizabeth, seconded by Dave

**Next meeting to be held on August 4, 2014 at the Meetinghouse.**