

## **Canaan Conservation Commission**

September 21, 2015

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Elizabeth Chabot, Mike Mezzacapo, Dave McAlister, Ashley Wojnarowski, Len Rietsma

### ***A special meeting was held to discuss Mike Mezzacapo's proposal to become involved with the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary program***

Mike is seeking support and sanctioning to have the town forest certified under the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program

- Audubon will provide assistance and education to help us improve
  - Outreach and education
  - Property/resource management
  - Assistance in meeting Forest goals such as;
    - Improved signage
    - Better trail maps
    - Walkways in wet areas
- The Canaan Town forest would be the first property in New Hampshire to be Certified (excluding golf courses)
- The town could use the certification as a promotional tool
- The Certifying agency is located in Troy New York
- Audubon does not require an Easement be on the property. The existing covenants should suffice
- No long term commitment
  - Annual dues of \$275
  - Certification renewal every 3 years

Dave noted that the proposal is acceptable with the select board as there are no restrictions

Bill moved that we vote to support the project and move forward. Len Seconded, all approved.

Additional information can be found here <http://www.auduboninternational.org/acsp>

Motion to adjourn made by Dave, seconded by Bill

**Next meeting to be held on October 5, 2015 at the Senior Center**