

**Town of Bennington
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – February 16, 2012**

Conservation Commission Members Present: John Baybutt, Jon Manley, Joe MacGregor, and Valerie Germain

Agenda

1. Town Owned Properties

2. 2012 Goals

1. Town Owned Properties – There are two parcels of property owned by the Town of Bennington that have conservation potential. Members discussed the possibility of designating one parcel as a town forest. The parcel on Old Stagecoach Road has a road through it and an old stone foundation from a mill. Those present discussed hiking the property and discussing next steps at March meeting.

Action Item: A hike is planned through the forest on Old Stagecoach Rd for March 10th - meet at 8:30 a.m.

2. 2012 Goals

a) Annual Earth Day – The date for the Annual Earth Day Clean-up will be Saturday, April 21st.

Action Item: John will contact the woman re: composting bins

Action Item: Joe will contact Sue re: the sign

Actions Item: Val will contact people to invite to the March CC meeting on March 15th

b) Map of the Town – The commission would like to create an updated map of the town which designates: current conservation and town owned properties, potential conservation parcels, and properties larger than 20 acres which could serve as conservation land for wildlife management corridors

Action Item: Joe will get a map at the Town Hall for future CC meeting

c) Bruce Edes Annual Walk - September 8th with a goal to finalize a map and updated brochure for the forest

d) River Clean up (August-September): Tentatively set for July 28th and August 11th as a back up

e) Perambulation of town lines of Francestown/Bennington/Greenfield – Sunday April 29th at 8:00 a.m. We will take a GPS

Action Item: Valerie to type letter to Greenfield and Francestown Selectmen informing them of our intent to perambulate

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Germain

Secretary

Bennington Conservation Commission