

**Town of Bennington
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting- July 18, 2013**

Members Present: Valerie Germain-Chair, Joe MacGregor, Rose Melanson, and Jon Manley

Agenda:

- 1. Minutes**
- 2. Brochure**
- 3. Banner**
- 4. Perambulation**
- 5. River Cleanup**
- 6. Natural Resources Inventory**
- 7. Other**

Chairwoman Germain called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

1. Minutes-

- Minutes from the June 20, 2013 meeting were reviewed and accepted with minor corrections.

2. Brochure-

- Chairwoman Germain presented a copy of the brochure that she and Judith Klein Dial have put together.
- The Commissioners discussed placing a picture of the Bruce Edes Memorial Forest rock on the brochure and to reduce the size of the map to fit the brochure.
- The Commissioners worked on cleaning up wording in the brochure.
- Chairwoman Germain noted that due to policies on handicap accessibility put forth by ADA, a disclaimer referencing limited accessibility due to terrain and the Town Hall's phone number should also be included on the brochure. Wording will be forwarded to Town Counsel.
- Future Goals:
 1. Creating an E-tour to be connected to the town website.
 2. Seasonal pictures of the forest on the website
 3. Joe MacGregor will make sign posts to be placed at locations of plants and land features listed in the brochure
 4. The map in the brochure will be updated with the locations of the benches and then will be submitted to Dick Loveland to be included in Outdoor Guide.

3. Banner-

- Rose Melanson presented the banner samples she created on the Vistaprints website. The Commissioners voted and agreed to the banner with a tree on it. Rose will forward the chosen sample to Administrator Denise French and Assistant Administrator Kristie LaPlante to order.

4. Perambulation-

- On Saturday July 13, 2013 the Commissioners located and marked the monuments along the Antrim-Bennington line using the prior perambulation records.
- Chairwoman Germain will type a summary with coordinates to bring the next meeting for approval previous to filing.
- The next perambulation will be the Greenfield-Bennington line. The Commissioners will confirm a date at their next meeting.

5. River Clean-up-

- The Commissioners set Saturday August 17, 2013 with a rain date of Saturday August 24, 2013 for river clean up.
- Invitations will be sent to Members of the River Committee, Josh Stewart, Peter Martel, Leticia Rice, and Antrim Conservation Commissioners to participate in the clean up.

6. Natural Resources Inventory-

- The Commissioners continue to research potential resources that may have maps of the Town.
- Goal: Create a map that includes lot numbers and ownership, color coded by land use (Conservation, Town, Current Use, Wildlife, etc)

7. Other-

- Goal- update website with pictures and links to resources.
- Jon Manley updated the Commissioners that land in Greenfield belonging to Steve Robertson has been put into conservation land.
- Jon Manley would like to see the Commissioners create an informational board referencing nuisance and invasive species.
- Joe MacGregor updated the Commissioners on Sean Campbell's Eagle Scout project. Chairwoman Germain will draft a letter to Sean in recognition of his work.
- Joe MacGregor will research power machines for trail maintenance.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Karen Bartlett
Conservation Commissioner Recording Secretary