

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting- August 15, 2013

Present: Valerie Germain-Chairwoman, Joe MacGregor, Jon Manley, John Baybutt

Agenda:

1. Minutes (April and July)
2. Old Business
 - a. Brochure & ID stands
 - b. Banner
 - c. Perambulation
 - d. River Clean up
3. Map (Natural Resources Inventory)
4. Annual Bruce Edes Walk
5. Other

Chairwoman Germain called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

- 1. Minutes**
 - a) The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and accepted as written. The minutes of the July 18, 2013 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.
- 2. Old Business**
 - a) **Brochure & ID stands-** The Commissioners reviewed the brochure and made slight changes. The Commissioners decided to add how many acres the forest covers. Chairwoman Germain will speak with Leslie MacGregor from the library to see if the Board can print colored copies of the brochure. Joe MacGregor will make eleven ID stands for the forest.
 - b) **Banner-**Chairwoman Germain reported the Rose Melanson had ordered the banner and was able to get it on sale.
 - c) **Perambulation-** Chairwoman Germain is putting together the final notes for the Antrim/Bennington line perambulation to submit.
 - d) **River Clean up-** The Commissioners rescheduled the clean up for Saturday August 24, 2013. John Baybutt will extend invitations to help with the clean up.
- 3. Map (Natural Resources Inventory)**
 - a) John Baybutt reported that he would like to continue his research with GRANIT.
 - b) John Baybutt reported that it is expensive for landowners to turn land to conservation use. The Commissioners set a tentative date of November 21, 2013 for a guest to speak to the Board regarding conservation easement.
- 4. Annual Bruce Edes Walk**

a) The Commissioners set Saturday September 7, 2013 at 9 am for the annual walk. Sean Campbell and former commissioners will be invited. An announcement for the annual walk will be placed in the newspaper and on the Town website.

5. Other

- a) The Commissioners set a tentative date of October 5, 2013 for the Greenfield/Bennington line perambulation.
- b) Outdoor Guide- Joe MacGregor shared copies of the Outdoor Guide with the Commissioners. The Monadnock Paper Mill donated the paper for nine thousand guides to be printed. Joe MacGregor has additional copies for anyone interested. It was suggested that the local school(s) might be interested in using these guides.
- c) It was noted that Town Counsel approved the ADA disclaimer for the brochures.
- d) Joe MacGregor reported that one of the benches placed by Sean Campbell was knocked over. The incident was reported to the police and it is believed that the bench is repairable. Once the bench is repaired, it will be placed and anchored in the same location.
- e) Jon Manley reported that the green trail has been marked, but was moved slightly due to the location of *fringed polygala* (flower).
- f) Joe MacGregor reported that the highway department has a chainsaw on a pole that the Commissioners can borrow. He will look into equipment for trail maintenance.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Karen Bartlett
Conservation Commission Recording Secretary