

**Town of Bennington  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting - August 21, 2014  
Minutes Approved: September 17, 2014**

Present: John Baybutt Chairman, Valerie Germain, Jon Manley, Steve Willette

**Agenda**

- 1. Approve Minutes**
- 2. Old Business**
- 3. New Business**
- 4. Other**

**1) Minutes** - Minutes from May and June were accepted as written

**2) Old Business**

a) Goals were reviewed from last meeting for present members

~The CC will continue to work on completing Town Perambulations

~ Sign posts to go along with the Bruce Edes Forest plant and tree ID will be erected prior to September's walk

~ The CC would like to have the Earth Day clean up in May next year

~ Valerie will contact Ann Allwarden, principal of Pierce School to discuss and after school science program utilizing the forest. Ideas about offering snowshoeing in the winter through the forest were discussed as well.

**3) New Business**

The Annual Walk in the Forest will be Saturday September 23rd. We will advertise and put up notices.

b) Jon Manley would like to be the liason between River Committee and Bennington Conservation Commission. He shared that the 3D maps made through a joint project of the Harris Center and Conval High students feature the watershed of the Conval School District. He expressed an interest in displaying this 3D map.

~Jon informed members that Marion Baker, who has worked on local Conservation Commissions and at the Harris Center will be honored when a section of the Contoocook River is dedicated to her in Hillsboro.

c) Timber operations - The Conservation Commission would like to clarify the procedure with Selectmen.

d) The Chairman would like to draft a letter to DOT re: the pillows in the road swale. It has been observed that the pillows are not very effective in preventing silt and other materials from running downtown to the Contoocook during heavy rainstorms. The pillows do not seem to apply best management practices of stabilizing the work at the end of each day and appropriately, mulching and placing down jute matting after grading.

~Jon Manley will research and talk to DOT in Concord about this

~John will contact Hancock Conservation Chair Member

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

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Germain

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