

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting- February 19, 2015  
Minutes Approved- March 19, 2015

Present: Valerie Germain, Joe MacGregor, Jon Manley, Stephen Willette

Valerie Germain called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

1. Minutes
  - a. The minutes from the January 15, 2015 meetings were approved as written.
2. Old Business
  - a. Topics of interest-
    - i. Stephen reported that he will proceed with focusing on invasive species as a topic of interest.
  - b. Annual Report-
    - i. Valerie reported that she submitted a report for the Conservation Commissioners for the Town Annual Report.
  - c. Trail Maintenance Saw-
    - i. Joe reported that he is in possession of the saw.
3. New Business
  - a. Earth Day
    - i. The Commissioners set April 18, 2015 for the Earth Day cleanup.
    - ii. The Commissioners generated some ideas to expand the Earth Day celebration such as an "Earth Fair" where different organizations and programs could set up displays.
    - iii. Next month will be used as a planning meeting for Earth Day events.
    - iv. Valerie is optimistic that the school program will draw new participants in the Earth Day activities.
    - v. The following groups and individuals will be invited to the Earth Day celebration: Sportsman Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Recreation Committee, Fire Department, Brian Maloy- Environmental Engineer at Monadnock Paper Mill, Rose Melanson, Doreen Robertson.
  - b. UNH Barry Conservation Camp
    - i. Valerie has registered a seventh grade student for the camp. The cost is \$495. The Commissioners discussed funding for this line item and the need to designate a category for future use.
  - c. Jon reported that there are a few anti-conservation bills in legislation.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting merged into a work session at 7:30 p.m. to work on the town map.

Respectfully Submitted by

Karen Bartlett  
Conservation Commission Recording Secretary