

**Town of Bennington
Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting - April 21, 2016
Minutes Approved:**

Present: John Baybutt Chairman, Valerie Germain, Jon Manley, Steve Willette, Joe MacGregor, and Mike Munhall

Agenda

- 1. Approve Minutes**
- 2. Sponsoring Campers**
- 3. NRI**
- 4. Perambulation**
- 5. Earth Day**
- 6. Other**

1) **Minutes** - The minutes from the March 17, 2016 were approved and accepted as written

2) **Sponsoring Campers** - Two students applied for the Harris Center Summer Camp opportunities. The essays were read aloud for Commissioners and a motion was made and all were in favor to grant Conservation Education Scholarships to the following students:

Allison Hodgen - Voyagers Program
Uilliam Wilmoth - Rovers

Chairman John Baybutt will send an official notification letter to them and we will invite them to the Earth Day Clean-up on April 30th and we can take an opportunity to recognize the two summer camp scholarships.

Val Germain will contact Sarah at the Harris Center

NRI - The Commissioners discussed meeting with Moosewood Ecological Services at the May 19th meeting to discuss a Natural Resources Inventory. Chairman Baybutt will contact the firm.

4. Perambulation - Perambulation of Greenfield Bennington Line was completed by Joe MacGregor, Steve Willette, and Jon Manley on Saturday, April 9th. The Commissioners started at John Cronin's office on Route 31 and walked the Greenfield/Bennington line and marked 5 monuments. One marker was unable to be located and is possibly in the Contoocook River. The prior marker was on the east side of So Bennington Road at the railroad track. Judy Heddy informed Joe MacGregor that there is a monument in the campground.

A discrepancy was found comparing the Town tax map, generated from tax deeds, and the map the River Committee has. Joe MacGregor discovered this after viewing maps sent from Brian Malloy, Environmental Engineer from Monadnock Paper Mills. Brian will do research to provide clarification.

5. **Earth Day** - Will be held Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 8 - noon. The following Commissioners will take care of the following task:

Val: Contact Dee/ Kristie to notify all Town employees and volunteers, shopping, help with set up Saturday morning, get easel for sign-ups

Steve: Provide tent & set up on Friday, help with set-up

Joe: Waffle makers & cooking

Mike: Pancake griddle & cooking

Doreen : syrup, donation

Jon: Beans, coffee urns

Leslie : Web Site

Commissioners will spread wood chips at edge of VFW parking lot after breakfast

Check with Selectmen: Do they want to have the same contest as last year for most unusual piece of trash?

6. **Other** - Logging operations in the Town were discussed by Commissioners. They will contact Kristie to get data for timber cuts for last three years as an FYI.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Valerie Germain

Conservation Commissioner