

**Conservation Commission Meeting –Draft Copy
January 18, 2013
Website: townofeastonnh.org**

Conservation Commission Members

Maria Hynes – Chairman Present
Denys Draper – Co-Chairman – Present
Anita Craven- Not Present
Ned Cutler – Present
Kris Pastoriza – Present
Steve Sabre – Present
Roy Stever - Present
Mike Platt – Alternate – Not Present
Debbie Stever – Alternate – Present

Commission Secretary

Toni Woodruff - Present

Maria officially called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.
Maria appointed Debbie Stever to the Commission to insure a quorum

Public in Attendance: No public attended this meeting

Minutes from the December 21, 2012 meeting were reviewed. A change was made to the 2012 Projects section adding “archiving” under the first bullet. Ned made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Denys seconded the motion. All were in favor

Community Forest Update:

- Through fundraising, approximately \$590,000 has been raised to this point according to Ned Cutler
- Each Town involved in the Forest will be asked to donate \$5000.00 for a stewardship fund that is considered an investment in the Forest
- This request will appear as a Warrant Article at the 2013 Town Meeting

Energy Committee:

- A Pastry and Preservation hosted by the Conservation Commission is scheduled for tomorrow, January 19, 2013 at 9:00 AM. Set-up will take place after this meeting
- A 3-part presentation is planned: 1) Introduction to the Energy Policy 2) Sam Brown-simple low-cost energy efficiency solutions 3) Presentation of new systems for conserving energy
- Advertising sandwich boards must come down after the meeting

2013 Budget:

- After discussion a 2013 budget for the CC was voted upon and approved. The amount is \$1750.00 with \$250.00 being allotted for the costs incurred by the Energy Committee

2013 Projects:

- It’s time to take down the Wildlife Bulletin Board and put up a display based on the Town’s energy initiatives
- Denys will continue pursuing the archiving project

- Resuming the “Know Your Easton Walks” was suggested with the proposed Community Forest and the Kinsman Cemetery as possibilities.
- Pastry and Preservation presentations. Ned suggested a spring/summer program “Birds ‘n Blooms”
- The “Keep Growing Initiative” will expand with the mapping of farmland in Town. The funding for this will possibly fall under a grant, as a committee is in the final stages of developing how the grant money is spent

Recommendations for Alternate Members:

- The CC will look for potential alternates to the Commission. It was suggested that members come with the names of possible alternates to the next meeting
- Maria will provide a sign-up sheet for tomorrow’s presentation for anyone who would consider joining the CC

Miscellaneous:

- Steve provided an update to the Tunnel Brook Project. A full canopy removal is necessary for effective restoration of old viable trees along with new apple tree plantings. This will probably take place in the spring or fall. Summer is not suggested because of our migratory bird population
- Easton’s part in the June Lupine Festival was discussed. Debbie and Denys had thought of a possible “Easton Art Show”. It was determined by the CC members that this is a very good idea, but questioned whether it could be organized in time for the Festival
- Maria suggested a possible meeting during the summer to keep in touch

Correspondence:

- There was no correspondence to discuss

Steve made a motion to close the meeting at 10:00 am. Ned seconded the motion. All present were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni E. Woodruff
Secretary to the Conservation Commission