

Bethel Conservation Commission Minutes – 2/11/14

Present Mary Floyd, Moe Brigham, Tom Warhol, Emily Miller, Jen Schomp, Dave Stanley at the Town Offices.

Action on Minutes approved minutes from 1/14/13 meeting as written.

Business

- Guidance for conservation commissions has been requested from F&W in both hard copy and electronic format (Jen).
- No more news on joining the VT Conservation Commission. It's noted that membership runs from July to July, so it makes sense to wait until July to join anyway (Tom).
- Update of the Phase II Geomorphic Assessment of Bethel's waterways being done by Redstart (Emily)
 - Analysis is underway and public meetings will happen sometime around May.
 - A few informal preliminary impressions were highlighted.
 - We will invite someone from Redstart to present preliminary findings at our April meeting.
- The group then reviewed materials requested and received from the town:
 - Map showing locations of the town's forests:
 - Do the town forest parcels have management plans?
 - Moe will contact Windsor County Forester Jon Bouton to learn more, generally, about town forests.
 - Mary will contact Rick Benson and the town to see if there is any additional information the Commission should have.
 - Information about the town's Source Protection Areas (town wells):
 - Is there any additional information (post-Irene) about protection areas/wells?
 - There was some discussion about a relatively new business (auto repair/sales) within zone 1 of the Gaiko well (SPA#1). Did the DRB approve this use? Is the business aware that they're within zone? Should we recommend that the town manager reach out to make sure they know they're within zone 1 and BMPs should be implemented? Mary will contact Rick Benson about this and we can revisit it at the next meeting.
 - Testing the Water Quality: What is the frequency, and what parameters are tested (Jen will look into it).

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 11, 6:30pm.**