

## Bethel Conservation Commission Minutes – 8/13/13

**Present** Mary Floyd, Dave Stanley, Maurice Brigham, Tom Warhol, Emily Miller and Carl Russell. At the Town Offices.

**Action on Minutes** n/a

**New Business**

### Organization of the Commission

- Introductions and explain why they're interested in serving.
- Mary Floyd appointed as chair.
- Emily Miller appointed as minute taker.

### Review History of the conservation commission, town requirements and state statutes

- Carl mentioned that we should remember there are resources from TROC to do trainings for conservation commissions.

### Former Mears Property

- The selectboard and town manager would like the commission to add thoughts about potential uses for the former Mears Property (now owned by the town as a result of the buyout program).
- The commission read over the Baseline Documentation Report and then adjourned to the property itself for the remainder of the meeting.
- Recommendations:
  - After walking the property, the commission recommends the following potential uses:
    - a boat landing as it's directly above the dam,
    - a small mowed picnic area (where the house used to stand),
    - a walking trail.
  - Signage:
    - at a minimum a "carry in, carry out" sign is needed
    - possibly some educational kiosks that explain the history of the site and its relationship with the river,
    - possibly an elevation marker from Irene's flooding.
  - Further clean-up:
    - trash (bottles, etc.) from party sites should be picked up. The scouts will be contacted about using this as a possible service project,
    - removal of the power lines and pole.
  - Talk more with the White River Partnership about their initiative to explore ways of helping towns take care of short-term and longer-term stewardship of the many buyout properties in the watershed. Carl told us about this happening (additional info will be coming from Mary Russ, Executive Director of the White River Partnership).

Meeting adjourned around 8:15pm.

**Next meeting is Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Town Offices.**

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