

Burke Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes of January 20, 2016 meeting

Present: Sue Leskin, Hank Butler, Michelle Green, Elise Lawson, Chris Manges, Joan Harlowe

Absent: Mark Maghini, Kevin Mack, Cathie Wheeler

December meeting minutes were approved.

Chairmanship: As decided at the December meeting, we will have a rotating chair this year, as follows:

January/February — Elise

March/April — Hank

May/June — Sue

July/August — Chris

September/October — Kevin

November/December — Michelle

Recommended, but not voted on, that we omit the December meeting.

Finances: We spent \$152 on the water sampling. Priscilla is putting the remaining \$347 in the reserve fund.

Conservation projects: We will invite a speaker to give a talk at the Clubhouse and we would buy one of that person's books to donate to the clubhouse library. We will look into what speakers might be available and affordable: Susan Morse (Keeping Track), Johnson (friend of Michelle's), Chuck Fergus (Burke resident, author of A Rough-Shooting Dog, The Wingless Crow, and others), Chris Rimmer, Charlie Brown. We could possibly combination a talk with a related trail walk or bird watch.

Memorial trees: Hank reported that Liberty Tree Elms are \$100 for a good-sized tree and a plaque with the name of the person being remembered. We need to identify a place to put the tree . There might be financial help for this from Trout Unlimited.

Membership: We thank Mark for his service. John Ross Stevens will join the Commission.

Other business:

It may be time for another presentation from the VT Land Trust. We could invite a representative of Kingdom Trails, which has purchased and donated land in Lyndonville, to speak. Maybe a tree could honor the Hubbards who have conserved their land.

We will visit the town forest in the spring to see what might be done to make it accessible and interesting.

Next meeting: February 17

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Harlowe