

**Draft minutes of the Burke Conservation Commission meeting
December 19, 2018**

Present: Hank Butler, Elise Lawson, Cathie Wheeler, Sue Leskin, Joan Harlowe,
Absent: :Kevin Mack, Chris Manges, Ross Stevens
Guest: Addie Tipton

Land conservation: Sue spoke with Kiley Briggs of the Orianna Foundation, which is concerned with conserving reptiles and amphibians, as a possible source of funds for acquiring Pete's Pond.

Another possible source of funds is the Vermont Watershed Program. They do not fund land acquisition but are concerned with education and outreach.

Tree planting: Trout Unlimited will plant large numbers of sugar maple and American elm saplings along the East Branch in April or May, and the BCC may assist.

Public Programs: possible topics include:

Ash borers in Caledonia and the world wide decline in all insects.

Another birdwalk

Jud Kratzer, (Vt Fish and Wildlife) on fish

Bridget Butler (aka the Bird Diva) — probably too expensive.

Other business: How to collaborate with the planning board to help preserve the forest canopy.

Next meeting Jan 16??

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Harlowe