

## **Burke Conservation Commission**

Town of Burke  
212 School Street  
West Burke, VT 05871

June 20, 2018

**Present:** Hank Butler, Elise Lawson, Chris Manges, Sue Leskin, Cathie Wheeler, Joan Harlowe

**Absent** Kevin Mack, Ross Stevens

**Public Programs** The 2 talks this year (bird walk and Doug Morin) had low attendance. We will find more convenient dates and times and better ways to promote ( flyers posted in the post offices and stores. The next talk ( fall or winter) will be Steve Agius on lynx.

**Scholarship;** Our \$350 was used by the BurkeOutdoor Club (grades 5-8) for a conservation themed canoe adventure on the Clyde River and an overnight stay at the NorthWoods Stewardship Center Bunkhouse.

**Greenup Day signs.** Chris has them and students will paint "First Saturday in May." on them.

**Municipal Forest:** The May BCC meeting took place at the forest. We explored much of the area, but did not find all the boundaries. Because there was a scheduling conflict, Sam Perron, who knows the boundaries, was unable to join us. Cathie will reconnect with him.

Chris has 75 boundary markers designed and made by Tom Bishop, CCC teacher at LI. We will place them in easily seen places (along the road and the cemetery).

**Nature Trail** is in good shape and stocked with brochures.

**Darling Park trees** are mostly ok although a couple have died.

**Phragmites:** Hank will call Steve Agius to let him know that phrag has reappeared near the river behind the former River Garden.

**Trout Unlimited grant** was completed by Hank and is being reviewed. Kingdom Trails has offered to help with replacing trees at the town offices.

**Pete's Pond** is for sale, (asking price \$90,000). We discussed whether money could be found to conserve it for wildlife and recreation.. BCC members will find

out the owner, and talk with PLT to see if at all feasible to purchase as a town forest.

Next Meeting; July 18.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Harlowe

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