

**Present:** Elise Lawson, Hank Butler, Chris Manges, Ric Prescott, Cathie Wheeler, Kevin Mack, Joan Harlowe

**Guest:** Erin McKinnon

**Membership changes:** Hank came for his final meeting on the commission, and very generously brought pizza for all to enjoy. He has stepped down from the commission.

Sue Leskin came briefly to say good-bye to us all. She and her husband are moving to Connecticut.

**Chair:** Elise accepted the position of chair.

**June meeting:** A public program with a talk by Ben Copans replaced the usual meeting on June 19.

**Pete's Pond:** Elise, Cathie, and Hank walked around the property with Allen Giese, a professor at Northern Vermont University. If it is conserved, Professor Giese may include the pond in his teaching, bringing students to observe the wildlife in the pond.

Elise circulated a chart developed by the University of New Hampshire as a tool for evaluating wetlands. This can be useful in applying to granting agencies. BCC has permission from the realtor to inventory the property.

The history of the pond could be useful in grant applications. The board is encouraged to talk with long time residents about the pond's past.

**Public Programs:** Chris will call Matt Langlais to set a date for a fall program on the emerald ash borer.

Other possible future talks: Ben Kilham on bears. Nancy Comeau of nuisance bears, Giese on ticks.

Carl Matland on dragonflies (spoke for Ammonoosuc Trust)

**Scholarship:** BCC provided scholarship money to support 2 students to attend bike camp.

**Next meeting:** August 21