

**Minutes of the Conservation Commission meeting
August 17, 2016**

Present; Ric Prescott, Elise Lawson, Sue Lesking, Chris Manges, Hank Butler, Joan Harlowe

Absent: Cathie Wheeler, Michelle Green, Kevin Mack

July minutes were approved.

Chair Chris is chair for August/September and Michelle is chair for October/November. We may omit a December meeting. Hank will be chair for 2017, starting with the January meeting.

East Burke dam. By email, we learned from Ron Rhodes that the Connecticut River Watershed Council has received a grant of \$200,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to help fund 7 dam removal projects that will open 140 miles of cold water tributaries of the Connecticut River.

Noted that the EPA is concerned with the wetland just upstream of the EB dam.

River cleanup: Ron Rhodes invites us to join the Passumpsic River cleanup

near the dam on Fri. Sept. 23. · Contact Roy Schiff

(roys@miloneandmacbroom.com) for details. CRWC will provide trash bags and gloves, and Source to Sea t-shirts.

Scholarship is all set. Chris will speak with Morgan to be sure there are photos.

Tree planting. Hank met with Sam. We will get a mix of up to 28 trees to line the driveway and the east side of the playground. Ric will provide his backhoe and a person to dig and also his water tank.. Ric will consult with Matt Langlais about spacing and layout, soil condition.

Planting will be in late October . Chris, Cathie and Ric will find student helpers (but not too many)

We may have a community workshop to explain/promote the planting. When a date is set Joan will contact Amy Ash Nixon to get Caledonian coverage.

Nature Trail. The town office printed 100 brochures and Joan refilled the box at the trail head. There are several identifying markers missing along the trail.

Next meeting: September 21.

