

Burke Conservation Commission meeting 9/20/17 (draft)

Present: Chris Manges, Cathie Wheeler, Kevin Mack, Hank Butler, Joan Harlowe

Absent: Ross Stevens, Elise Lawson, Ric Prescott, Sue Leskin

Minutes of July meeting were approved.

One Burke meeting. Cathie, Chris and Kevin attended and heard ideas and proposals on the three focus topics: infrastructure, education and safety and trails.

Dam removal is scheduled to begin October 10.

Budget: Hank reviewed the BCC budget with Priscilla. Of the \$500 allocated, \$218 went to Kurt Valenta, guest speaker on owls, \$50 reimbursement to Ross Stevens for Vermont Conservation Association dues, \$59 reimbursement to Mark Kilburn for plywood for Greenup signs, and reprinting the Nature Trail brochure. The Commission should notify the town if programs may exceed the allocation amount. We would like any money not spent to go into a fund for land acquisition for conservation.

Fall speaker: Hank has invited a speaker from Efficiency Vermont to present at the Community Center at 6:00 on October 19. We will ask Priscilla to announce this event on the Burke website. All BCC members are asked to bring refreshments (cider, seltzer, fruit, cookies.)

Town forest: Chris and Matt Langlais walked through it trying to determine the boundaries. Sam Perron, from Northwoods, will do an inventory. As the first step, Sam and interested commission members will tour the area with the goal of determining our goals: how best to use the space. Joan will ask the Reillys, whose land abuts the forest, for permission use their road to access the forest. **Date tba**

Next meeting October October 17.

Respectfully submitted
Joan Harlowe