

Burke Conservation Commission

March 16 Meeting Notes

In attendance: Chris Manges, Michelle Green, Mark Maghini, Hank Butler, Sue Leskin, Cathie Wheeler

Not in attendance: Elise Lawson, Joan Harlowe

I. February Meeting Minutes Approved

II. Tree Program

Hank Butler learned more about the trees growing on the LSC Campus. Forty plus American Chestnuts are several years old. He has identified a state grant that could be used to plant trees within the town. Due date is April 16 . The Commission agreed to move forward and have Hank proceed with an application. We will then determine locations to plant trees but focus would be on town owned property.

III. Scholarships

Cathie reported on local conservation oriented camps that local residents might send their children as we learned more about offering scholarships to local youth to attend such a camp. The camps were Siskin and Northwoods Stewardship Center. We agreed that we would like to offer up to \$300 in scholarship aid to one or more Burke residents who attends a conservation oriented camp and who shows financial need. Further it was agreed that the camp provider would identify potential campers to use to support and that the Commission would not be involved in registration or soliciting information on potential campers. Cathie will meet with the select board to see if they have any reservations/concerns about the scholarship idea.

IV. Speaker Series. We will discuss potential ideas/dates for the fall.

V. Phragmites.

Hank to check and see if there is more clean up to do at the site on the river and Mark will confirm another treatment at that same site for the fall.

VI. Green UP Day

Michelle is the town coordinator. May 7 is the date. Bags will be available at town hall or recycling center. Any bag however can be left on the road and picked up.

VII. Other news:

- a. Possible tour of the town forest to help us make some recommendations about its future?
- b. Next Meeting: April 20.