

## **West Fairlee Conservation Commission**

### **Approved Minutes –Meeting of October 28 , 2014**

**Attending:** John Boutin, Geoffrey Gardner, Cooley Kearns, Ann Stephens, and Peggy Willey.

The meeting began at 7:10 PM.

**1. Minutes:** It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting of September 23 and its special meeting of October 14.

**2. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's computer is being repaired so this month's report is unavailable.

**3. Education:** **A)** The Squam Lakes Science Center program will be Sunday, November 9 at 3 PM at the Westshire School. Various members volunteered for tasks. **B)** Cooley presented a draft of her information packet for new landowners in town. Detailed suggestions for content and style were made.

**4. Brushwood Community Forest:** **A)** French Property: the decisions made at the special meeting of October 14 about intrusion of ATVs were reviewed. It was moved seconded and passed unanimously to order three signs from Anthony Moore at an expense of no more than \$200.00. Ann will be meeting with Glenn McKinley of VAST to walk their trail and discuss and decide where signs and a cable should be placed for maximum effect. **B)** Nate Pero has raised the possibility off a firewood bank in Brushwood Community Forest. This was discussed briefly. No action will be taken until a proposal comes forward. **C)** The Brushwood North tree poacher has been identified. Fred Cook will be following up on this for the Selectboard and will keep us informed. According to the County Forester the last tree taken probably had a market value of \$1,500-2,000. Guy as best informed member on this issue will track it for us. **D)** The Crawford parcel within Brushwood South monitored and reported on favorably by Doug Brown of the Upper Valley Land Trust.

**4. Water:** **A)** Peggy reviewed the possible water projects being considered. **B)** Upper Valley Land Trust reports the two new Ompompanoosuc easements are still in process. UVLT will be in touch when it is time to consult with them about raising funds.

**5. Conservation Commission Website:** There was a brief discussion of possible alternatives for setting up a Conservation Commission website. In the meantime, the commission will post to the Town listserv each month.

**6. Meetings:** Because of the holidays in November and December, we rescheduled the November meeting for the 18<sup>th</sup> and the December meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 9:10.