

## West Fairlee Conservation Commission

### Minutes – Meeting of May 27, 2014

**Attending:** Geoff Gardner, Corey Paye, Julie Paye, Peggy Willey and Rebecca Wurdak

The meeting began at 7:05 PM.

1. **Minutes** – Minutes of the Commission's April 22 meeting and its special meeting of May 15 were accepted unanimously.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – The Brushwood Community Forest Fund has a balance of \$72,304.03, showing an increase of \$3.03 for interest, and the Conservation Commission Fund has a balance of \$6,647.95, showing an increase of \$0.28 for interest and expenditure of \$20.00 for support of VT Tree Farm.
3. **Green-Up Day** – Julie will write up instructions for Green-Up 2015. There will be no need for more bags next year.
4. **Conservation Commission Wiki** - Rebecca will take over the Commission's Wiki from Julie. Geoff will send Rebecca a file of all the minutes of past meetings he has. He will also print copies for the office file.
5. **Upper Valley Land Trust Grant Application** – It was voted unanimously to accept and send on the letter of support, written by Corey and Julie, for UVLT's grant application for conservation easements on the Dresser and Modern/Hildebrand properties between the Ompompanoosuc River and Route 113.
6. **Water** – Peggy and Geoff offered a brief update of their meeting with Ryan Patch, Jim Ryan and Mary Child, covering a number of river and floodplain issues. We will work with them to make a public presentation this fall on issues of agricultural run-off and septic systems. Vershire residents will be invited as well.
7. **Brushwood Community Forest** – The walk around the Brushwood Wetlands with Commissioner of Forests and Parks Michael Snyder and County Forester David Paganelli, to make observations and discuss needed revisions of the State's conservation easements for Brushwood North and South, will go forward on June 13.  
George Clark's bird walk in Brushwood South was well attended and was a great success. It was generally agreed to engage him again next spring.  
There was a brief discussion of Guy's proposal for a small number of trails in Brushwood North and the map accompanying the proposal. Guy has been flagging the northern boundary. The Commission will apply to the Selectboard to spend up to \$150.00 for materials used for this work.  
Geoff will contact Paul Gillies to make an appointment to discuss the right of way issue in Brushwood South.
8. **Chervil** – there was a brief discussion of possible ways to organize pulling wild Chervil along the Town's roads. How exactly this will play out will depend on the progress of this year's crop and which Commission members will be available. Geoff will definitely do a posting to the Town listserv and to the Friends of Brushwood list.
9. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 9:05.