

## Cambridge Conservation Commission Minutes

May 12, 2016

### Cambridge Town Offices

**Present:** Justin Marsh (chair), Sara Lourie, Holly Ferris, Jean Jenkauskas, John Hayden, Don Lange. Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm.

#### Minutes:

- Minutes from April approved (with Jean and Sara's corrections)
- October and December 2015 minutes are still missing

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Town Appropriation has been received (but not yet the \$2,700 for trails)

#### Green-Up Day (May 7<sup>th</sup>)

- Justin, Sara and Lucy joined the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade clean-up on Stebbins Road and North Cambridge Road; Holly noted a potential dumpsite on Pumpkin Harbor Road
- apparently Justin received a call from Green Up Vermont regarding availability of bags, but it was agreed that he had acted appropriately in dispensing the bags (100 – Town Offices, 25 – Village Sampler, 50 – Farm Store, 100 – Cambridge Village Market, 50 – Aubuchon, 75 - CES)
- there was a lengthy discussion about the overall philosophy of Green Up Day, concerns about people putting TVs into Green Up bags, or dumping household items along with roadside trash
- we discussed ideas about an CCC educational campaign – Sara picked up >5,000 cigarette butts along Rt 108S and in village and posted a note about cigarette waste on FPF. She reported receiving four supportive emails from community members; Jean reported finding less trash on the Jolley Property than last year and wondered whether people are littering less, or picking up more; rocks on top of bins / locks on dumpsters might help reduce amount of litter that overflows from bins
- John made motion to commend Justin on his organization of Green Up Day

#### Swimmy and the Swimmer Puppet Show

- **\*Sara** will collect key for the library and ensure she is there on Sunday at 1pm to help Ann Legun set up for the PuppetTree show. Jean gave Sara a check for \$300 to give to Ann

## Trails

- Laird sent a report regarding the Greenway – repair work is underway behind Tatros (including a 80ft section behind GW Tatro's that has subsidence issues due to rip-rap failure. 2x6' donated pressure treated boards were used). Payment for this (\$276.16) will come out of the Greenway Funds. Allan Audette will do maintenance work and replace gravel and we should expect an invoice for that.

## Buck Lake Summer Camp

- We have received two (?) scholarship applications so far (Calvin Ziegerhofer and Finnegan Simpson)
- Don has been in touch with Joe Rogers who is happy to cover the costs of all campers who have applied for scholarships
- Tim has been in touch with the potential scholarship awardees

## Stormwater Project

- Jean reported that the Request for Proposals has gone out and four different environmental consulting firms are planning to submit proposals by the end of the month. \***Jean** and **Pam** will collate the proposals and summarize them for discussion and voting at the next CCC meeting. \***Sara** and \***John** will take a look at the detailed proposals as well if time allows.
- John asked if the school will be involved with choosing the firm. Jean responded that they will be involved when it comes to the actual design.
- Jean explained that the 'rain garden' would not involve standing water, so should not be a concern w.r.t. mosquito breeding. Sara's question about mosquitoes precipitated a wider discussion about Zika virus and general health issues, including two signs that Don had brought warning of Lyme Disease, and concerns about people covering themselves in toxic chemicals, and living in fear of the outdoors

## Nature Report

- John had a great morning birdwatching with Mav (spelling?) on his farm. He saw bobolink, kestrel and yellowthroat
- Justin saw a mystery creature, larger than a raccoon but smaller than a deer, ducking under a fence on Lower Pleasant Valley near Bryce Road. Possibly a bobcat? He also saw a Red Tailed Hawk
- Jean heard a woodpecker and a little brown bird is nesting above her porch

## Other Business

- There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Lourie