

MINUTES
NEW HAVEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 19, 2015

The New Haven Conservation Commission met at the New Haven Town Office, 6pm February 19, 2015. Dean Percival, Al Karnatz, Susan Smiley, Ruth Penfield and Mark Krawczyk were in attendance. Guests: Cheryl and Don Mitchell

Dean Percival updated the group on the status of the PLACE application. Dean and Al Karnatz have met at UVM with persons associated with PLACE. There seems to be strong interest in the commission's proposal. The commission is waiting to be told that it will be taken up by one of the graduate students working with Walter Poleman. February 28 is the deadline for this declaration.

In connection with the PLACE program, guests Cheryl and Don Mitchell talked to the commission about their Treleven Farm and the opportunities it affords to study diverse ecosystems in a compact area. The commission is interested in choosing a location like Treleven Farm to focus aspects of the PLACE program in the town.

The Commission's next Armchair Naturalist program, Coverts, was reviewed; time, date and location confirmed.

Ruth Penfield, Susan Smiley and Al Karnatz talked about their recent meeting with the Monkton and Charlotte Conservation Commissions. Al observed the scope of work undertaken by the Charlotte Commission and its paid staff is too ambitious for our volunteer group. However, the Monkton commission's posting of town maps at Town Meeting to solicit citizen sightings of wildlife will be adopted by the New Haven Conservation Commission. Ruth Penfield will approach the town clerk for permission to post two town maps at Town Meeting for that purpose

The Commission unanimously voted to renew its membership in the Vermont Association of Conservation Commissions

Adjourned: 7pm