

Minutes

Town of New Haven Conservation Commission Meeting Town Offices Thursday, April 7th, 2016 6:30 p.m.

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Meeting Opening

Members Present - Ruth Penfield, Susan Smiley, Dean Percival, Al Karnatz, Mark Krawczyk

- Request for any changes to agenda
None

Suzy Roorda joined the meeting at 7:30pm

Financial Report

- Financial report
 - \$19 income from last Armchair Naturalist talk.
 - This brings the Commission's balance to \$479
 - We discussed the possibility that \$75 in donations from 1/21/16 Raptor program might not have been included in Dean's totals. Dean will check with Barb Torian. The addition funds would bring our balance to \$554.

New Business

- Final funding for PLACE program. Approve payment of \$495 to the PLACE program.
 - Request an invoice from PLACE program.
 - Members agreed on making full payment to the program once the invoice has been received.
- Set up meeting with Kristine Everts and the two teachers, Annette Carter and Arnell Paquette to discuss further involvement with the Beeman School
 - Dean will reach out to see if there's interest in future collaborative opportunities and learn more about their experience with the PLACE program.
- Map of trails and public area in New Haven. Continuing with program?
 - We have 2 trails in New Haven - The TAM at Belden's Falls and the Class 4 Road between Route 17 and Pearson Rd.
 - The group discussed several possible walking trails throughout the town.
 - Ruth Penfield and Suzy Roorda will develop a list of recreational and public sites throughout town for the town website.
- New efforts and opportunities- where do we go from here? Programs, schools etc. CC's discussion re: summit meeting.
 - Discussion of Addison County Conservation Commission 'Summit' - March 23, 2016 - organized by Heidi Willis. All Addison County conservation commissions were invited to attend
 - Susan Smiley shared a few updates on other local conservation commissions

- Ferrisburg Conservation Commission are consulted by Planning Commission and DRB
- Bristol has a substantial fund that they make available for projects and grants within the town
- The Conservation Commission will approach the selectboard to discuss requesting funds from Anbaric to support a 'conservation fund'
- The Commission will also begin to develop a list of possible future conservation-related initiatives.
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm