

Town of New Haven
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 20th, 7:00 pm Town Office

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

Agenda:

Meeting Opening

- Members reviewed and approved the minutes from the previous meeting
- New items
 - Budget Request from town Selectboard due November 11
 - CC Members voted and approved to a 2017 budget request of \$750 which will cover speaker stipends, website resource creation/curation.

Financial Report

- Financial report
 - Numbers appear accurate and up to date
 - Members suggested closing out Place Program account and incorporating it into the Conservation Commission account
 - This brings the total current balance on hand to \$487

New Business

- Approval to renew AVCC dues \$50
 - Members approved AVCC dues payment
- Armchair Naturalist Speaker Series
 - Mark's talk on "Hedgerows and New Haven" on October 27th
 - Craig Zontag has been approached as a potential speaker for November 11th
 - Dean will contact members of the Protect Our Wildlife organization to explore a talk on a subject to be determined
 - The group discussed the potential to organize a forum on the subject of trapping that would invite multiple perspectives to present
 - Mark will present on tree identification in January
 - We will also inquire with Jim Andrews as a February speaker on rattlesnakes
 - Moose as a theme in March
 - We also discussed a talk on the aquatic life of the New Haven River - perhaps a "Fish stories from the New Haven River"
 - The anglers' association may be one possibility
- Flood Resilience Project Update
 - None of the Commission members were able to attend and have not received any updates on the project
- DeMers Park update
- New efforts and opportunities- where do we go from here? Programs, schools etc.
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- **Other Business**
 - Members chose to hold the next meeting on December 8th at Dean Percival's house