

# New Haven Conservation Commission

Minutes, Meeting January 21, 2016

The New Haven Conservation Commission met on Tuesday, January 21, 2016 at 6pm in the New Haven Town Office.

**Present:** Dean Percival *via speaker phone*, Al Karnatz, Mark Krawczyk, Ruth Penfield

**Not able to attend:** Susan Smiley

**Meeting called to order at 6:10PM** (after Ruth obtained the key to open the office, borrowed the projector and Al brought the screen, cords to the Hall for Armchair Naturalist Raptor presentation)

## Financial Report & Annual Report (Dean)

Dean submitted a written (narrative) report to the Town. Also he requested, in time for the budget requests deadline, \$500 from the town in 2016 budget.

## New Business

- **Discussed final funding for PLACE program** - The balance in the "PLACE" account is still \$1600. Funds are \$900 "short" to be able to pay the PLACE program balance due of \$2500. Beeman School had participated / benefited from PLACE but did not contribute funds as we had expected. Do we ask them again? (Will set up meeting with Kristine Everts and the two teachers, Annette Carter and Arnell Paquette to discuss further involvement with the Beeman School? )
- **Decided to ask Town to print up a couple copies of the PLACE report** and place in the town Library. Also Dean will plan to add a **link to the report (PDF) from our website**.
- Briefly discussed Dean's idea for a way to add to **conservation fund**, not from the sale of real estate but as a percentage of the property tax, as in done in towns in other states (not Vermont?)
- **Postponed discussion on:**
  - Discuss a possible program with town highway department to control invasive plants and a seminar for how residents can control them on their property.
  - Create a map atlas of the maps (larger and more readable) from the PLACE report for the town planners
  - Map of trails and public area in New Haven
- **Status of videos of Emma's and Sonia's talks** - Ruth will contact Mary at NEAT TV to find out if they plan to post a link to the videos that we can then link to from the NHCC website.
- **Upcoming Conservation Commission meetings:**
  - **County wide** meeting organized by Heidi Willis in Salisbury on March 23<sup>rd</sup> (Is this date set?)
  - **Also Sunday 1/24 (2-5pm) meeting at Holley Hall organized by Laura Farrell** – Ruth will attend, Susan and Dean depending on health, Al too but he'll arrive late.
- **Armchair Naturalist scheduled speakers** –
  - **Feb 18 - Dam Controversy** with TNC movie "DamNation" (Al and Ruth handling publicity)
  - **March (TBD) - program on hedgerows with Megan Giroux**; decide date either March 10, 17 or 24 depending on Megan's availability. Susan is the organizer.
- **Election of officers for 2016** – re-elected Dean as chair with quorum of 4.

Adjourned at 6:50 to setup for Armchair Naturalist Raptor program with Craig Newman in Town Hall.

**Next meeting (decision make after this meeting): Thursday , Feb 25, 2015, 6:30pm**

**Submitted by Ruth Penfield**