

Hartland Conservation Commission meeting
March 9, 2016 7:00 pm

Present: Cordie Merritt, Dori Galton, Chris Collier, Knox Johnson, Guy Crosby, Rob Anderegg

Guest: Jeff Moreno

The Conservation Commission is scheduled to present at the Apr. 2 Community Connections breakfast. Our topic will be the 17-acre wood, the plan for the school using it, and next steps to implement the plan. Jennifer Waite will coordinate the presentation to the extent she can work from home, so photos and ideas should be forwarded to her. Jeff is not available on April 2, so Knox will talk to Jaxon about changing the date, possibly to April 9.

Jeff presented his plans for next steps that can be implemented without requiring any money. Concern has been expressed about opening another access point off Martinsville Rd. Right now, with the only ready access near the school, teachers can be comfortable sending the students down on to the property. We will ask the Upper Valley Trails Alliance to look over the land and make recommendations about ADA accessibility from a point near the bus shed.

The children are loving using the outdoor classroom every Wednesday. Jeff will send the link to a blog one of the teachers is making showing photos and stories. The Conservation Commission members were invited to come to the school on any Wednesday morning to watch the students using the outdoor classroom.

To minimize the Town's liability, it was proposed that we ask the Tree Warden to come in and look for and remove any trees that might be hazardous.

The temperature probe in Lull's Brook has been in place all winter, but the data has not been downloaded. Guy will wait until the water temperature warms up to recover the data. Cordie suggested moving the water testing location currently behind the Four Corners Post Office to behind the pre-school. She will check if the pre-school accesses the brook.

Rob felt that we should proceed with a management plan for Sumner's Falls, even if we have not yet found the southeast boundary point. The land along the southern edge is pretty inaccessible because of the steep topography.

Meeting adjourned 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Anderegg, Acting Secretary