

Hartland Conservation Commission

Minutes: 12-October-2016

Next Meeting: 9-November-2016

**Attending:** Rob Anderegg, Guy Crosby, Chris Collier, Dean Greenberg, Cordie Merritt,  
Jennifer Waite

**Guests:** Sarah Bruce, John Dumas, Zach Ralph

Rob began with a brief introduction for our guests as potential members of this commission.

**Discussion:**

- Minutes from our 8-June and 14-Sept as well as notes of our 4- July and 19-July activities were approved.
- There was a general concern regarding the encroachment by Twin State Utilities on a portion of the 17 acre wood. Rob will take our concerns to Bob and/or the Selectboard.
- The replaced culvert on Densmore Hill Road is a great improvement. It is larger and has a natural bottom to facilitate the movement of critters.
- It seems unlikely any member will attend the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions summit on 22-October.
- Shaun Pickett, interim, part time head at Hartland Elementary School (HES) and Rob walked around the 17 acre wood. He seemed encouraging that “Wednesday in the Woods” will continue. Guy will ask the school board if support for continuing this project will be a part of their questions for any prospective new principal. Jennifer told us that Josh Ryan from Timber and Stone will make suggestions regarding the feasibility of making the trail handicapped accessible.
- Rob and Dean sent suggestions to the committee rewriting the Town Plan. All members are encouraged to read the revised plan and submit any alterations they would like to see. We have been invited to their November meeting.
- In an attempt to alleviate the problem erosion on the Meacham Farm, Guy will plow to break up the sub soil.
- Funds in the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) amount to about \$57,000 of which \$47,000 is earmarked for an upcoming easement.
- Rob and Guy walked the Summarsell property with members of the Selectboard. Results of the soil sample Guy took have yet to be received. That information may offer some insight as to the advisability and cost of improving the soil to get a better yield from the land.
- Some alterations were suggested for our bylaws. Rob will write out our ideas and circulate to members.

Submitted by,  
Dean Greenberg