

## **Calais Conservation Commission Minutes January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Calais Town Office**

**Present:** Steve Cusick, Reed Cherrington, Eric Sorenson, Drew Lamb, Jennifer Whitman, Pam DeAndrea, Julie Hand.

### **December minutes approved**

### **Committee voted to go into Executive session**

#### **Executive Session:**

### **Committee voted to go out of Ex. Session**

### **Natural Resources Inventory:**

Applied to Dept of Housing and Community Development to do a n NRI of Calais. No grant received. Washington and Chittenden counties are the most competitive in the state for this grant. Priority was given to towns with a “state designated village center”, which Calais lacks. Pam will look into what that entails and see if we can start a process to obtain such a designation. The other challenge with this grant is that the money available has been cut in half, from \$800, 000 to \$400, 000. No other source of funding is known at this time.

### **Town Forest:**

Two of the town forests (Bliss Pond and Chapin Block) have plans, which are up for renewal next year. Drew will contact Russ Barrett next summer to get the renewal going – it should be a simple process, not much has changed.

There is a third town forest lies above the town clerk's office along Pekin Brook Rd. A plan for this property would still be a good idea, but is not a priority because of it's relatively small size (25 ac) and steepness. It's possible that the management objective for this parcel would be to leave it undisturbed, but Drew will see if Russ can develop a plan for this parcel as well

### **Town Meeting:**

Steve will put together a report for town mtg

### **Next meeting:**

Wed. February 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Calais Town Office

### **Adjourn 8:50pm**