

Calais Conservation Commission
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Meeting began at 7:15.

1. Minutes - Feb Minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Conservation Fund - Conservation fund balance as of February 28, 2015 is 76,798.35.
3. Conservation Fund Guidelines - Guidelines were created by the CCC and approved by the select board in 2008, and again in 2011. Guidelines have predominantly to do with land conservation. There are also state statutes regarding the creation, operation and responsibilities of a conservation commission, and the use of a conservation fund. In the future, the CCC will revisit the guidelines to decide if it is possible to rewrite the guidelines to include conservation projects other than those having to do with land acquisition and conservation.
4. Community tree planting. Stephanie contacted the VT Urban and Community Forestry Program. They were very supportive of our efforts to begin tree planting projects and said they had grant money as well as personnel that can offer technical assistance for tree planting or establishing programs. The CCC will contact the Roads Advisory Committee and the Cemetery Commission to discuss how to work together with the tree wardens to design projects and pursue grants for plantings around town.
5. Plan for accomplishing town plan action steps. Tabled until 4/1 meeting. Each CCC member needs to go through the town plan and find which action steps are of interest and come prepared with this information to our April meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 4/1/15 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37.