

**Calais Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Calais Town Office**  
**November 14, 2017, 7:00 pm**

Present: Stephanie Kaplan, Drew Lamb, Larry Bush, Richard Maizell, Neal Maker, Lou Cherry, Julie Hand, Maddy Morgan, Matt Peters

1. Agenda revisions or additions – None
2. Elect Vice-Chair – Tabled until next meeting.
3. Implementing the NRI – Matt Peters

Matt began by indicating which landowners might be willing to work with the CC on land stewardship/conservation efforts. Matt suggested perhaps sending letters to landowners whose land is in some way discussed as land of interest in the NRI. Matt doesn't feel that there are any particular areas that are immediately threatened and need protection right away. Stephanie wondered whether Matt might be hired to do some additional work. Richard agreed to work with Matt to put together a mailing for landowners who agreed to allow field work on their property during the NRI. Larry suggested something at the end of the letter that asks the landowner to contact the CC if they're interested in further conservation/stewardship on their property. Matt mentioned that Jens Hilke, is a good contact for building on the NRI – putting the plan into action. Jens works for VT Fish and Wildlife.

List of Sites and landowners to contact for potential further work:

Sites from Phase II Report

- Bayne Comoli Road Swamps Macrosite had willing landowners but can not recall who exactly. Check Excel list.
- Pete Johnson and the Legare Farm. As of now, doesn't appear that the Legare Farm will be conserved under a VLT conservation easement. But could start conversation with Pete about doing a river corridor easement, even if he's not going to conserve the whole parcel.
- Upper Pekin Bk. Floodplain Swamps. Joy Stowell.
- Singleton Road Seepage Forests. John Brabant.

- Ledge Hill Area. Rob Lamb, Walter Forest.
- Peck Hill Pools. Scott Bassage/Charlotte Hannah.
- Interlacken Fens. Paul Olander. Rowan Jacobsen/Mary. Peter Collins.
- Beaver Meadow Brook. Robbie Porter.
- Carr Brook Swamps and Rich Woods. Peter and Jan Brough.
- Hersey Hill. Leviditis, Ellsworth, Russels.

#### Sites from Phase I Report

- Chickering Bog. Chickering.
- Lightening Ridge North Swamps. Juanita Nunn, Dennis Cane/Patricia Johnson, Winstons.
- Blackberry Hill/Adamant Pond. Bill and Ruth Porter, Andrew Nemethy, Ruth Coppersmith.
- Long Meadow Brook. Missy and Chuck Storrow, Harris Rowan.
- Three Ponds. Joan Heller, Neal Maker, Richard Maizell.
- Lower Dugar Brook Swamps. ??
- Bayne Comolli Road Swamps. Mary Mooney.

4. Town Plan Action Items – Tabled until next meeting.
5. Lakes & Streams Committee survey – Larry shared some of the results from the Lakes and Streams survey. Larry had provided results with annotations in an email circulated before the meeting. Lakes and Streams has decided to keep doing the newsletter but not do a paper mailing. They plan to circulate it via front porch forum and town webpage. L&S also hopes to do education outreach about shore land issues to landowners. Would like the CC to highlight which items from the town plan they would like the L&S to take on. Richard asked Larry whether the L&S has addressed eutrophication issues around town. Larry responded that it's been a topic of conversation, but no formal action has been taken.
6. Report on Basin Planning meeting – Drew and Stephanie attended a meeting in October led by Pam DeAndrea from the CVRPC. Members of the select board, planning commission, and the public were also there. The study is called “The Winooski Basin Tactical Basin Plan” and its primary goal is to improve water quality within

the Winooski watershed.

7. Approve October minutes – All voted in favor except Richard who abstained b/c he was not present at Oct meeting.
8. Conservation Fund Balance - \$84,136.02 (does not include \$30,000 for Armstrong when that deal is finalized).
9. Other Business –

Minute taker – Richard has a student he's recruiting and will follow up with her to make sure she's still interested. If she doesn't work out, Drew will follow up with Michelle Toful-Murray

10. Public comment – None
11. Future agenda items –
  - Trapping (Richard)
  - Town plan action items
  - Vice-chair .

12. Future meetings –

Dec 5 – CVRPC meeting about road erosion survey.

Dec 12 – CCC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.