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Calais Conservation Commission Minutes—June 19, 2012

CCC members present: Steve Cusick, Drew Lamb, Judy Harden, Stephanie Kaplan (recorder).

Guests: Noreen Bryan (Lakes & Streams Committee), Michael Giamusso (Trust for Public Land)

Absent: Wilson Hughes, Pam DeAndrea

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. at the Calais Town Office

Minutes: Minutes from 5/2/12 were amended to state that there was a unanimous vote to go into Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter.

Conservation Fund Report: The CF balance was not updated since the last report.

Land Conservation Project: The members voted unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter. They then voted to go out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

Natural Resources Inventory: Pam has taken over the search for grants and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Beaver Baffles: Eric Ryea doesn't want to be the one responsible for shaking the beaver baffles so there needs to be a point person from the CCC. Drew offered to take it on and will contact Eric and Scott Bassage.

Riparian Projects: Noreen said that the Lakes & Streams Committee is focusing on rivers and streams and rain gardens, and will next turn to information about restoring stream banks. Stream corridors are important to wildlife and Noreen will talk to Pam about conservation easements. Drew will look into funding sources for stream bank restoration.

Bliss Pond Town Forest – VAST Trail Relocation: The VAST trail runs across the northwest corner of the forest. The old route was causing scouring of the land, although the worst damage was not on town property, so they're altering the route in this location. Steve has been working with them to make sure it's done with minimal cutting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.