

## **APPROVED**

### **Calais Conservation Commission Minutes—December 12, 2013**

CCC members present: Steve Cusick, Drew Lamb, Pam DeAndrea, Jennifer Whitman, Julie Hand, Stephanie Kaplan (recorder). Absent: Grant Orenstein.

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

Minutes: November 6, 2013 minutes were approved.

Conservation Fund Report: The CF balance as of August, 2013 was \$82,301.99. We haven't seen any updated statements.

NRI Funding – The Planning Grant that we applied to for funding a Natural Resources Inventory was turned down, for the second year in a row. Reason given: lack of Village Center designations. Pam had been told that the fact that we were in the process of preparing applications for Village Center designations would count, but in the end it didn't. All three towns in Washington County that got grants had Village Center designations. None of the grants awarded this year were for an NRI, but last year a few towns were awarded grants to do natural resource inventories. We'll try again next year. Other members of the CC volunteered to help to prepare the application next year.

December 17 Meeting w/PC – Discussion about the revisions made by Anne Winchester. Stephanie will email the document to the rest of the CC for everyone to read before the Dec 17 meeting with the PC.

Bliss Pond Forest Trails – The main trail and one cut-off trail should be marked with small signs. Drew likes the ones Reed Cherington has been using on other town trails. In the spring, Drew will talk to Steve Killoran and Reed about identifying the trails and making signs. We agreed that the signs for different trails should be different colors. Drew will make sure the trails shown on the map that is part of the Bliss Pond Forest management plan are accurate.

Groundwater Protection & Mapping – Grant had forwarded Steve an email from Paul Erlbaum from East Montpelier concerning groundwater protection regulations along with proposed revisions to the groundwater part of the Utilities section of Calais's town plan. We agreed to present these revisions at the Dec 17 meeting along with our revisions to the Natural Resources section of the town plan.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.