

Draft Minutes- Calais Conservation Commission, working group- Aquatic Resources.

July 30, 1pm

Attending:

Stephanie Kaplan, Julie Hand, Larry Bush, Grant Orenstein-Conservation Commission.

Norreen Bryan, Victoria King,- Calais Lakes and Streams Committee.

Ann Smith- friends of the Winooski.

Jan Ohlson-Planning Commission.

- 1- Public Comment- None
- 2- Calais Lakes and Streams Committee-
- 3- Noreen outlined the history of the committee.

Mission is to educate and do outreach, thru the newsletter, community programs, good stewardship packet, lay monitoring program of Lakes and ponds, invasive species program.

Discussion of the state of the lakes and ponds, it is good. Overlap with the CLSC and the CCC.

- 4- Ann Smith outlined the history and mission of Friends of the Winooski.

They are mostly active in Washington County, with corridor planning, river and stream side stewardship, storm water management, rain barrel workshops, habitat improvement, water quality monitoring and improvement. And now with updated emphasis on dirt roads, as their impact on water is better understood.

They have done projects in Calais on the Ekhaus property. Discussion of studies done, information available currently, possible new projects in Calais, and grants available.

- 5- Action Steps-

Stephanie brought up the step of notifying new land owners about the regulations concerning buffers, water related issues, added by the Planning Commission. CLSC has been doing some of this work. Discussion of coordinating, how to keep up on the information when property changes hands. More details to be worked out.

Planting buffers- friends of the Winooski uses a priority system, larger sites, continuous blocks,

Slope, proximity, soils all come into play in ranking a site.

Further discussion and planning of implementing action steps to continue at next meeting.

- 6- Julie Hand was appointed to lead this working group.

Larry Bush to keep records of land owners.

Grant Orenstein volunteered to look into the grants from the Lake Champlain Basin Program.

Meeting Adjourned 3:16pm.

Next Meeting Aug 17 11am. Town Hall.