

Burke Conservation Commission
Minutes
4/20/11

Present: Chris Manges, Cathie Wheeler, Mark Maghini, Susan Leskin, Joan Harlowe
Absent: Ric Prescott, Terrence LaPointe

Tree Stewardship

Susan will re-visit development of our Tree Plan with Hank and Bob, and invite them to our next meeting. **All members** are asked to review Peacham's tree plan <http://www.peacham.net/townclerk/treemanagementplan.pdf> for an idea of how Burke's plan will be formulated.

Riparian Restoration

Kerry O'Brien (Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District) visited with us and we discussed the status of the Burke Trees for Streams project. We've had difficulty contacting landowners within the project area and only one landowner has so far given permission. We have decided to delay the planting project until next year due to the few days remaining to obtain the outstanding necessary permissions before the planting season begins (May 1). We will use the intervening months to secure the remaining landowner permissions.

Mark will inform the Passumpsic Valley Land Trust of the buffer project. The BCC will also begin exploring the need for invasive plant control within the Town.

Darling Park Nature Trail

The group decided to use numbered posts that will be referenced by a printed trail guide. **Chris** will purchase numbers for the posts. **Mark** will bring a brochure box for review at the next meeting. **All members** will take the opportunity to walk the trail, consider the revised brochure text (**from Cathie**), and propose wording changes/key features to reference at each location.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Maghini, Secretary