

BURKE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

PRESENT: Chris, Dave, Cathie

ABSENT: Ric, Andie, Sue

Guest: Jean Dedam

Press: Amy Ash Nixon- Caledonian Record

Approval of August minutes was postponed since there was not a quorum.

Discussion about Town Forest Project field trips:

- 1) The adult and “expert” walk will be Mon Sept 15th at 3:30 PM on Ginn Land leaving from the end of Dashney Rd. to investigate habitats and to plan the walking route for Sat.
- 2) The main walk (adults, “experts” and kids) will be Sat. Sept 20th at 10:30 AM leaving from the end of Dashney Rd.

-Cathie will e-mail commission members to relay this information to “experts” and to individuals contacting kids (LI, East Burke School & Burke Town School).

-Ric will send a letter to Tim McGuire to confirm the use of Ginn land.

-Jean will e-mail the list of factors to consider in picking a species for this project.

Next steps in the Town Forest Project:

- Change the timeline
- Research possible species
- Schedule and plan a community meeting to pick the species
- Develop a conservation plan with advice from Jens Hilke

Jean reported the availability of \$250-300 in funding to cover food, supplies and equipment rental for the Town Forest Project.

Issues discussed that need attention and or action at the next meeting-

- New commission members- who?, how many? by-law change?
Ric communicated to Cathie that he would check the procedure with Sam Sanderson.
- Meeting place , day and time for BCC
- NVDA Maps- Chris brought a CD --- follow-up, how to use?
- Process to engage people interested in conserving their land

Next Meeting:

Wed. October 8th at the Burke Mtn Club 6 PM