**Windham Conservation Commission**

**April 30, 2018**

**Present:**

**Alison Trowbridge**

**Hal Wilkins**

**Ginny Crittenden**

**Vance Bell**

**Dawn Bower**

**BJ Davis and Diane Newton unable to attend**

Called to order at 7:05 by Alison, acting Chair.

1. **Updating Contact Information**: CC members wrote contact info on passed around sheet.

2.**Conflict of Interest Policy and Conservation Commission Rules of Procedure:** The Board reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy (see attached copy) and agreed to sign a cleaned up copy that Vance will provide at the next meeting. The Board next reviewed the Conservation Commission Rules of Procedure (see attached copy). The Board tentatively agreed to meet the second Monday of each month, pending feedback from Diane and BJ, **making the next meeting May 8th at 7 pm.** Vance will change the Board’s name in the rules of procedure document to Conservation Commission. The Board will sign the corrected copy at the next meeting.

4**. Assign Duties/Elections:** The Board elected Alison Chair and Hal Vice Chair. The Recording Secretary duties will be shared on a rotating basis.

5. **Goals and Project Ideas for 2018:**

Town Solar Project: The Board discussed reviewing the possibly proposed solar energy project for the Town property behind the cemetery. That project is presently awaiting environmental review. The CC can prepare to comment on the environmental review when it becomes public.

The CC will sponsor a public talk with a representative from the VT Land Trust (VLT) on donating conservation easements to be held possibly in mid-June. Alison will talk to Joan Weir of VLT.

Town Forest/Town Trails: The Board also discussed the possibility of researching establishing Town trails and Town forests. The Board will meet with the Select Board in the future. Ginny will work on this, probably to meet in middle to late June. Field trip to Golding Road culvert on Thursday, May 3, at 6:30.

Visit to Frank Seawright’s: Frank Seawright would like to invite the Conservation Commission to a meeting with a representative of the VT current use program comes to his place, tentatively May 18, to discuss the idea of wildlife management plans.

Water Levels in Burbee Pond: Dawn will talk to Skip Lisle about the beaver deceiver in Burbee Pond.

Natural Resource Inventory: The CC discussed the possibility of a future natural resources inventory for the Town. Hal mentioned other towns have used interns and graduate students and will talk to people he knows at different schools about the possibility of them working with the Town to start the Natural Resources.

6. **Motion to Adjourn:** Dawn made a motion to adjourn at 8:40. Vance seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Minutes Submitted by Alison Trowbridge