

Danville Conservation Commission Notes (DCC)

Location: Danville Town Hall

June 3, 2019

Attendance: Dave Houston, Bridget Ferrin-Smith, Vange Morse, Debra Bixby, Brian Henderson, Barb Huibregtse, Deb Yonker, Wes Everts, Keith Gadapee,

Meeting Notes:

1. Approved minutes of May 6, 2019
2. Forest walk will be Tuesday June 4th, and at least one knotweed plot should be observed and potentially cut back or treated, and determine status of all plots. Potential trails could be scouted. Some trails have been started already that could be a start of multi- trail system.
3. Bridget noted Bradford Conservation commission could serve as an example of a well-organized commission, with a website, and fb page, a race on the Town Forest property, information on how to support conservation and opportunities to include local children and community overall in conservation. The discussion continued, noting:
 - Danville school is interested in participating in projects, however, doesn't have \$ for transportation. The school also needs greater granularity on projects relevant to grade level. Therefore, students could work on maps, trail signs, fb page.
 - Conservation commission (DCC) could create and prioritize a list of projects for students:
 - History : Rodgers lot has an old farm foundation site that might spark informative kiosk
 - Ecology : Details of ecological mapping
 - Recreational trail building support: Boardwalks, cycling,
 - Bridget will compile a list of suggestions by fall to involve school.

Ben Copens did not respond to Vange's request for more information on watershed project.

Vange discussed easements with Tracy Z and easements would apply to a new purchase, particularly for adjacent property

Matt has been out marking trails for logging and tallying as he marks, and use to provide contract details. DCC will make a recommendation on whom to choose, based on equipment, experience and reputation. Selectboard will make the final decision on awarding the contract. Selectboard will want proof of insurance and decision should be made by December if not sooner.

First community tour of town forest is proposed October, but if already marked out by July, could be earlier. Good for community to meet logger, if possible.

Contract to be set out – Wes had sent a contract previously – Vange will send out contract
Wes brought materials on Forest management - largely written by Matt L. – a one page info sheet to slow down the move of EAB put out to public eye.

Kiosk sign design was noted as quite expensive. Could be a school Capstone project. DCC should decide on content for kiosk prior to design. Alex Wright involved in the Rankin kiosk, which could serve as an example.

Discussed the need to bring the number of Ash trees on our roads and the EAB back into the public's eye. Discussion of distribution of EAB information to go out with tax bill or put on the town website or a newsletter.

Tabled further discussion of events and projects we would like to prioritize for the year

- a. Water Quality Projects (watershed monitoring.)
- b. Determine water sheds that we would like to explore
- c. Discuss outreach projects (Joe's Pond, Stream Walks, kiosk on invasive and reporting, educational materials in the forests or on the rail trail. etc...)
- d. Invasive Roger Lot
- e. Harvesting outreach and education plans
- f. Introducing new members to the town forests
- g. Developing/maintaining/educational walks
- h. Emerald Ash borer updates
- i. Creating town forest events for education and outreach

Next Meeting: July 1 at 7:00

1. Approve Minutes from June 3rd
2. Updates from members about last month's events/action items
 - a. Potential EAB mailings
 - b. Potential creation of FB page
 - c. Water Quality Testing
 - d. Invasives in the Town Forest
3. Read through Sample Logging contract and Discuss