Richmond Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT) for October 14, 2014 Town Center Meeting Room, 203 Bridge Street

Attended by: Ernie Buford (Chair) Alison Anand (late), Rick Barrett, Bob Low, Judy Rosovsky

Absent: Joe McHugh (reported to be resigning)

Guests: Brad Elliott

- 1. <u>Approval of minutes</u>: Minutes from June, July and September Conservation Commission meetings were approved on a motion from Rosovsky (Barrett second) 4 votes in favor; none opposed.
- 2. <u>Conservation Commission (CC) open seats</u>: Interest was expressed in having Joe McHugh reconsider his intent to resign and thus serve the remainder of his term, ending in 2015. There was also general consensus that we would like to have Wright Preston rejoin the CC. The Selectboard has announced CC vacancies and will consider appointments at their October 20 meeting.
- 3. <u>Conservation Reserve Fund renewal</u>: Reviewed and edited slides for a requested presentation to the Selectboard, scheduled for 20 October, to request that a ballot item to renew the Conservation Reserve Fund be added to the ballot for Town Meeting 2015. Low is willing to be the presenter. The agenda allocates 15 minutes for presentation plus 10 minutes for discussion. Other necessary updates and assignments:
 - a. Language needs to be harmonized with current town plan (**Rosovsky**)
 - b. Need current financial figures (balance and current, expected increment; **Buford**)
 - c. Will finish compiling list of projects including funded amount and cost share (**Buford, Elliott and Low**)
 - d. May want to check for changes to the list of Chittenden County towns having a conservation fund (**Rosovsky**)
 - e. Conserved lands map needs updates, and we might like to have a map of project locations (**Buford**)
 - f. Finalize slides for presentation (Low)
- 4. <u>Science to Action outreach and eduction planning</u>: Rosovsky and Barrett will continue working on coordination of a program presentation by Sue Morse. A suitable venue and date remain to be determined.
- 5. **Adjourned**: at 9:10