

Conservation Committee July, 12, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Members present:

Rick Barrett, Judy Rosovsky, Liz Wright, Mary Houle

No public comment was offered

Minutes of June 14, 2016 meeting approved

Judy reports Andy Solomon has tendered his resignation from the Commission for personal reasons. Resignation was accepted and information of the opening of a term remainder appointment opening will be forwarded to Town Manager Geoff Urbanick by Chair Judy Rosovsky.

Ann Smith of Friends of Winooski River would like an assessment of Camel's Hump Middle School conducted by a professional group. Reason for study is to involve Consv Com in the school's project to assess their 'rainwater to river/sewer' impact on the Water and Sewer plant in Town. Town Manager must be informed of the request for information to give to Selectboard for their consideration.

Three members of the Consv Com met Bob Heiser at Vol Green to walk the river path up to the site of the trees that had fallen in the river.

Discussion regarding the rivershore path at Volunteer's Green. Erosion issues, large trees have been uprooted and have fallen in the river at a halfway point from the bridge to the Water and Sewer plant.

Continual degrading of access for anglers, canoe launch, river wading, (and all water lovers) to river from Vol Green was discussed. Thoughts on how to address this aspect of the path were brief. Is it possible to upgrade the access or add a dock? It was recalled that there was a temporary dock placed for crossing the river. The temp dock was in place during the Bridge Street bridge repair/restoration. Funding for this effort (including passenger barge) was partially covered by a non-profit group's grant. It is not known if a temporary or permanent fix could be had, given the constant ebb and flow of the river over the seasons. Spring usually brings high water and with large storms over the year the banks are scouring and eroding.

8:10 pm Meeting adjourned.