Conservation Commission Agenda for Feb. 7, 2018 meeting 5:00 PM

Upper Level Meeting Room

Seating of Alternates

* Approval of Minutes of January 3, 2018
* Dobson Open Space Set Aside Document/access right-of-way
* Planning Subdivision Regs: review purpose of open space set aside
* New Preston Falls Project Update (Site Plan has 5-yr Inland Wetlands permit) – Dirk Sabin
  + Bridge repair schedule
    - Work with Town on stabilization of bridge abutment; replace planks; clean steel & repaint
  + Funding Plan - suggestions re sources of $
    - Project component estimates – Dirk Sabin
  + Continue research into structures and people who lived along the E Aspetuck
  + Meet with the New Preston Biz Assoc and the New Preston Women’s Club
  + Publish info in Town Newsletter
* Phragmites Removal by All Habitat (Permit for 6/29/17 – 12/31/2019) in New Preston Open Space treated week of Oct. 2nd; map of area treated needed from All Habitat
* Viewscape/Ridgeline & Tree cutting regulations: **Goal to draft regs 2018** (Material sent 10/24 and 11/2)
  + Tree Regulations – Dirk Sabin and Diane Dupuis
  + Meeting with Arthur O’Neill
  + Viewscape Guidelines – Dirk Sabin
* Town Tree Arboretum – Dirk Sabin

*Subcommittee Reports & Assignments:*

* **New Preston Open Space** - 2018 Management Plan
  + - Consensus to have mowed path up & around hillside
    - Monitor results of the Phragmites removal
* Town water resources protection – map work, at-risk areas (Impaired Waters List) & strategies to protect Town’s water quality - collaborate with Steep Rock– Randy Bernard

Other and/or Old Business:

*Review other commission minutes*

**2017 Commission Members**: Susan Payne, chair; Linda Frank, vice chair; Randy Bernard, Diane Dupuis, Tyler O’Hazo; alternates: Kathy Bennett, Dirk Sabin, Ann Quackenbos

**RSVP**: to Janice no later than 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting – jroberti@washingtonct.org