

Danby Conservation Advisory Council  
July 25, 2011  
Minutes

Present: Christina Konnaris (IC Intern), Jake Brenner, Mary Ann Barr, Joel Gagnon, Tom Gavin, Dan Klein, Julie Kulik, Pamela Goddard, Ronda Roaring, June Pollack

June minutes approved.

Possible 5 folks are interested in easements.

#### Addressing the Need for Legal Aid

We could need someone in the next couple of months Dan has talked with Dan Hoffman, possible he's not saying no.

Others include Susan Brock,

June's land: she attempted to get an easement under FLLT, but it didn't happen.

15 acres, Variety of forests, wet land, 2 ponds, pasture, on a water shed, adjacent to 90 acres hunt club, adjacent to another small parcel on Hornbrook road. (this would involve another easement )

Intention: same usage as now = small farming, horses, no development, leasing to gas companies. Reserved rights (wind, solar arrays).

#### Environmental Education -- review of planning for kayaking event September 10

Ronda – new manager not permitted to have any activities there without an application. Have to have a one million \$ rider. Laura will get town an events rider – so we can use this from this point on.

Puddledockers has been contacted and will be coming, info is in Aug Danby Area news (DAN) Starts at 5:00pm on Saturday, sun set is at 7:15 – will go until 8:30, free to those in Danby that have their own canoes. Have permission to have a campfire.

Need someone to handle the fire.

Food?

Julie will bring our display, we can have an intro talk first if needed.

Will talk about this in the August meeting.

Ideas/Needs to have a 5 minute talk about ready to give at events this, ideas.

#### Committee Creation -- some possibilities include Land, Media, Environmental Education

Joel – feels Committees are needed to distribute responsibilities.

- Media/Outreach (brochures, content editing) – Mary Ann Barr
- Land (interface with folks that are willing to create an easement on their land) – Joel and Tom
- Fund Raising/Development

Add when needed, there is concern (Dan) that this is premature.

## Progress Report from Christina and Jake on mapping

Christina and Jake presented maps with

Suggestions to be sent to Jake/Christina via email on which features that should be included.

We will have a table with features checked (or not checked) for Tax parcels that we are looking at, such as:

Tax Parcel ID	Slopes > 15%	Elevation Peaks	UNA	CEA, etc....
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Goal – at some point, a program will take all tax parcels, and crunch the numbers, pull up the parcels that have the most number of variables checked. Allows you to hone in on which properties to focus on for possible land easements.

### **Land Trust Standards and Practices -- using them to identify our needs**

Move to the August agenda...