

**Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
June 16, 2009**

Welcome new members.  
Need to have a new time.  
6:30 Friday evenings?

Minutes have some typos.

Ellen:  
Vernal Pool unit  
T-shirts? Where are they?  
Aquarium worked great.  
Slide show.  
Web quest.

Show and tell brought turtle.  
Put it on the side of the road in the direction it is going so it can go lay its eggs.

Ronnie:  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders Ed Secskas suggested snails as being the focus. Brought: periwinkles, dog winkles, moon snails. Hands on discussed. Each child had a cup an snail. A little exhausting. Three classes in a row. Had not used the books. Still in boxes but did reference them and would give them out to the students.

Show and tell.  
5<sup>th</sup> graders camping at Hermit Island. Going to take for nature walk. Hope to do some shoreline exploration. Compare lily pond with vernal pool. At hermit island found cecropia moth, female to give to local photographer, she is laying eggs. Whole purpose as an adult to mate and lay eggs. Caterpillar with knobs and bumps and identified it. It looks like an animal dropping. Chrysalis, emerges could be one of three butterflies. It is a white admiral.

Jean:  
Picking up articles. Fiddler's Reach. No longer pursue putting in an underwater turbine. Kittery windmill that did not generate the power they wanted. Company guaranteed that if it did not generate enough power they'd remove it. Harpswell town meeting recommended that windmills be of a certain height. Town's people said higher. Wiscasset has an ok and a grant for an underwater turbine. Chewonki go ahead for geothermal. People all around us are doing things on alternate power sources. Georgetown is discussing alternate power sources.

Jo:  
Ellen has made a map using the GPS of part of the town land. Has marked off places of interest: swamp, cellar, stone wall, iris. A nice resource. Geocaching Ellen will report on how to set up geocaches.

Bob:

We should be on the state website. We should post our walks that are upcoming or on the TV.

Jo:

MEACC state website and private landowner website has a national database of conservation resources. Jo will try to do that. Ellen will help as necessary.

We should announce trips.

Phippsburg Land Trust walks throughout the summer. Circular is coming in the mail soon.

The booklets. Have in library and notify if want to buy. One that circulates.

Japanese Knotweed on TV. Asked Richard about invasive plants booklet. Bulletin board, slide show, video. Read text? Two pages with two big photographs. Richard will work with her. Read text while show pictures. Richard will work with her. Bulletin board at town hall also.

Ronnie:

RE Japanese Knotweed, went to Center Pond and met two visitors from England who said that in England it's against the law to have Japanese Knotweed.

Ronnie and Jo will change the bulletin board.

Commission is getting together at Jean's on Saturday.

General public: there is a general hike with Ron Joseph. Will lead a bird walk on the town land in Ashland. Sunday June 21 at 7:00 am.

TODOs is very helpful.

TODO set our new time for meeting.

Anything else?