

**December 3, 2014 Berlin Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes.** Those attending: Phil Gentile, Beth Daut, Ellen Sulek, Andrea Chandler, and Town Administrator Dana Hadley.

**The cost estimate for the beaver deterrent** on Crosstown Road was discussed and a figure of \$1400 was decided upon based on John Aberth's (an academic living in Roxbury VT) cost analysis for a culvert fence and pipe that was presented at the Selectboard meeting. Contact was made with Cory Cheever, a Vermont Fish and Wildlife Specialist. The CC is in the process of setting up a time to meet with Cory at the site. After a consultation with Cory and a review of Best Management Practices for beaver/human conflicts, the CC's recommendations will be presented to the SelectBoard. The CC suggested to Dana that this budgetary expense be part of the road budget and not the Conservation Commission's.

**The Central Vermont Civic Center's funding request** was discussed. It was decided that the CC should cap the donation allocated by the Rec Board at \$500. The Civic Center's request for \$1500 should be included as a ballot article with the other non-profit requests. Andrea will let the Civic Center know.

**The Conservation Fund's** current balance is \$27,845 due to last winter's logging harvest with another \$20,000 expected this winter. While the Conservation Fund has guideline requirements for expenditures and its main purpose is to conserve Berlin land and waters, CC members felt that the CC should not ask for any budgetary requests this year and any expenses that arise should be paid with monies from the Conservation Fund.

**Jenn Ingersoll** has stepped down as a member of the BCC. We will all miss Jenn's positive energy and commitment to conservation. We wish her the best in her new job.

Respectfully submitted  
Andrea Chandler