

January 6, 2016 Berlin Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Those attending: Ellen Sulek, Phil Gentile, Beth Daut, Tom Willard, Andrea Chandler, Sarah Richardson

The Muzzy Road community area which was constructed by Creative Landscaping of Jericho this past fall was discussed. Signage for the installations will be reviewed by our board. Other suggestions included: a) contact Muzzy Road residents regarding the community garden b) entrance sign, c) sandbox toys d) determine how long we can wait to spend last \$2000 so we can better see how the area is used during the summer. The picnic table and bench will be installed in the spring as well as shortening and burying the stump jump.

Town rezoning is underway by the Berlin Planning Commission and a few questions will be referred to the zoning administrator for clarification regarding the change from Highland Conservation to a Rural district designation.

The Recreation budget request is up this year to \$5132.86 because of baseball field improvement requests. An additional \$2000 for improvements for a running track may be added if the PTNA gets approval from the school board before budget deadline. **A sign at the school explaining that funds the town provided** made these improvements possible for the broader community's use was suggested.

Emerald ash borer information was shared so identification can be made as soon as EAB appears in our area.

Purple loostrife, an invasive, is prevalent along the shore of Berlin Pond. A suggestion to organize volunteers next summer to attempt to pull it out was made.