

**March 2, 2016 Conservation Commission Meeting minutes.** Those attending: Ellen Drysdale, Andrea Chandler, Tom Willard, and guests JC Earle, Alex DePillis.

**Berlin Pond's Fish Creel Survey** and Vermont Fish and Wildlife's Annual Report on Berlin Pond's fishery were reviewed. While changes in the annual catches are reported, the fishery seems reasonably stable and the report reflects good management and monitoring.

**Our Commission** signed a letter of support for Montpelier's Charter change which requested authority to regulate their drinking water supply, Berlin Pond. The proposed changes are consistent with the BCC's natural resource protection goals.

**The Town forest winter logging** harvest was supposed to have been completed this winter. We were informed by Dan Singleton, Washington County forester, that the operation was never initiated this season it was contracted for. Follow-up with Dan will be needed to determine next steps.

**Berlin's rezoning** was discussed regarding its impacts on the Town's ridgelines, agricultural lands and natural areas. Further discussion is needed before we meet with the Planning Commission with comments.

**The Recreation budget** was zero funded this year as the Selectboard decided to use the Recreation Savings account to cover the annual budget. The Rec Board plans to meet with the Selectboard to clarify the historical designation of the funds in the savings account which were mainly fundraised for the use of the skating rink.

**The Berlin Skating Rink** would benefit from community outreach. A network of supporters who can both enjoy the facility and help maintain it is our goal. Alex DePillis suggested a organizational meeting in October.

**A letter to Muzzy Road residents** asking if there is any neighborhood interest in planting and weeding the community garden in the new park on the corner of Route 12 and Muzzy Road will be sent out by our commission next week.