

May 4, 2016 Berlin Conservation Commission Minutes

Those attending: Beth Daut, Tom Willard, Phil Gentile, Ellen Drysdale, Andrea Chandler

The base of the Berlin skating rink needs leveling with a berm built around the edge so that the ice will last longer and will be able to be flooded faster with less water. New LED lights will also be looked into. Initial inquiries into these projects will be made.

The Berlin skating rink savings account was inadvertently used to fund the general recreation annual 2016 budget. The Selectboard was unaware that the funds in the savings account were fundraised for the skating rink. The Selectboard has since agreed to rename the account the skating rink account and the Rec Board will seek to have the \$5132 expenditure redeposited in the account when the budgets are determined in Dec.

Town forest logging was not completed as Matt McAllister's contract had stipulated. A letter has been sent to him by the Washington County forester inquiring as to whether he could use another year to complete the project.

Berlin's draft zoning regs were discussed. Comments regarding protection of the Irish Hill ridgeline's intact forest blocks were submitted to the Planning Commission.

Muzzy road community park's community garden will be planted by a volunteer Berlin resident and the CC Grange has volunteered to help maintain the park.

A buckthorn reduction work day in the town forest will be planned by Beth Daut later this year.