

September 7, 2016 Berlin Conservation Commission Minutes

Those attending: Tom Willard, Andrea Chandler, Ellen Sulek, and guests J.C. Earle, Mark Manges, Buzz Fervor.

The Beaver Deceiver, designed and built by Skip Lisle of Grafton, is being reconsidered for the Crosstown Road culvert. Skip visited the site this summer and he was confident that he could build a deceiver around one of the culverts for around \$3000 which would keep beavers from dam building and require little or no maintenance. Lingering concerns from some CC members regarding debris, ice and high flows were addressed in a phone conference call with Skip at our meeting. Skip related that these structures last 35 to 40 years, will stand up to ice, and during high water flow the water will flow over the structure and beavers do not usually build dams during high water flows. He also feels that debris will not be impeded any more than it is already. He would use a large 18" pipe to quiet the sound of draining water. Our members are assessing the information before making a recommendation. Skip recently built a very large deceiver in Stowe. It is located north of Stowe on the right of Stage Coach Road about 1 mile from the fork with Route 100.

A Berlin Skating Rink work day is being organized for Saturday Sept. 17 at 9 AM. The hut needs jacking up, the hockey boards need screws tightened, and weed whacking is needed around the borders of both rink. Andrea will post a request for volunteers on Front Porch Forum.

The Dog River Natural Area also needs a work day to clear broken limbs and weedwhack around the edges. A walk out to the Jacuzzi to check on litter and debris is also needed. Nothing has been scheduled as yet.

The latest draft map of the Berlin Zoning Regs was briefly reviewed and thought to be an improvement over the original draft.