

September 3, 2014 Berlin Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

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

The Berlin Town forest logging project is on schedule to be completed this winter. Our Commission members will inspect the work done to date on Tuesday Sept. 16 at 4 PM.

The old Stewart farm field owned by the Town on Irish Hill will be mowed by Eastman Long in the next week or two.

The ANR's Memorandum of Decisions on the two Berlin Pond Petitions issued on August 14 were reviewed. The City of Montpelier's petition to prohibit internal combustion motors, including tools was granted. DEC denied Montpelier's request to ban petroleum-based fuels and ice shanties.

The Citizen's to Protect Berlin Pond petition was denied. DEC's conclusion stated that the petition failed to demonstrate that a prohibition on recreational uses is necessary to address alleged conflicts.

A shoreline area along the west side of Berlin Pond was cut on the City of Montpelier's land approximately at mid pond. This illegal cutting was reported to the City and they are following up on it.

Maintenance needed on the Berlin skating rink includes cutting grass, weedwacking, and refastening screws to the hockey boards that have pulled out. Tom will contact Eric Peterson to see if he could organize volunteers to fix the boards. Andrea will weed wack and Tom will mow.

Respectfully submitted

Andrea Chandler