

**Town of Auburn
Conservation Commission
January 7, 2014**

Members Present: Jeff Porter (vice-chair), Alan Villeneuve, Diana Heaton, Peg Donovan

Meeting called at 7:06 pm

Eric Mitchell for Lover's Lane Wetland Reassessment

Mr. Mitchell did not show up. There was some discussion about wetlands and the idea of reclassifying and rezoning areas that have already been designated. P. Donovan noted that she had inquired with the state about this and was told that if attempted, the federal government can take the land and require that it be restored.

Approve Minutes of 11/13/13 Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes – P. Donovan

Second – D. Heaton

All in favor, motion passes

Audubon

P. Donovan mentioned that she will be participating in the coordination of the Audubon's 100 year celebration, a state wide event in June. She will keep the commission apprised of what is happening and hoped the commission would be involved in some of the events.

Old/New Business

J. Porter reviewed the mail and passed it around for members to view

J. Porter and A. Villeneuve mentioned they had attended a round table discussion for the South East Land Trust. The group was looking for insight in to the direction they should head

A. Villeneuve noted that recent zoning board minutes questioned why the Conservation Commission was not asked about the Ramos property which asked to put two houses on one lot with wetland issues. The Commission was unaware of the request and therefore had not made a recommendation. The zoning board granted and the Selectman appealed. There was discussion about this setting of precedence and speculation as to why it would be done, or why the Con Com was not consulted.

Motion to adjourn – A. Villeneuve

Second – D. Heaton

Meeting closes at 7:35 pm