

Conservation Commission

10/3/ 2019

Memorial Building

7:00 p.m.

Note: These minutes are to be considered draft minutes until approved by the Conservation Commission.

Members Present: Bruce Allen, Marla Binzel, Emily Cleaveland, Tim Fraser, Ken Jacques, Daphne Klein, George McCusker (Selectmen's rep), and Patricia Allen-Shaw (Alternate).

Bruce Allen opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of 9/5/19 were approved as written.

Town Lots:

Kinsley Lot – Ken brought in two wooden signs that he had made for the Kinsley Trail. Marla agreed to paint them. Tim will pull the temporary signs. Tim asked about filling in some low spots on the section of a trail that he has been maintaining. George will ask Peter to look at the area in question to determine if it is a Class VI or logging road, and whether it is just a muddy spot or might involve a wetland. Tim also provided an update on his progress on cutting a trail access from the cemetery directly to the Loop Trail. This area was originally avoided as it went through an area with many blown down trees.

Collins Park – The focus of the most recent work session was along Four Corners Rd. The next work session was scheduled for Saturday October 26th at 9 a.m.

Outreach:

The Commission's 250th hike to the Kinsley lot went well. Bruce brought the root wrench and gave a demo of how to use it to remove invasive species.

The next 250th hike the Commission is sponsoring is to the Royal Arch on October 12th from 10 – 3 p.m. The group will meet at TLV and car pool to the trail head on 114.

There was a discussion about setting up a mechanism for townspeople to sign out the root wrench. It was decided the Commission would check and see if the Librarian would be willing to handle the sign out sheet. Once this is settled, Pixie will be asked to mention it in her column. A label will be put on the handle, directing users to a PDF on the Commission's website and/or on-line videos which are available to provide instructions on how to use the wrench.

Communication & Misc.:

Daphne reported that no emerald ash borers were collected in the traps that were put out on the MacDonald-Knapp lot this summer.

The annual meeting of the NH Assoc. of Conservation Commissions is Saturday Nov. 2nd in Pembroke. Bruce and Marla plan to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Submitted by Marla Binzel

Action Items:

Marla will bring up the Collins Park work day at the next 250th meeting, paint the trail signs, and follow up on the minutes that are missing from the Commission's web site.

Bruce will contact the Librarian to see if she is willing to handle the sign-out sheet for the root wrench.