

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

Members Present: Bruce Allen, Marla Binzel, Ken Jacques, Jeremy Johnson, Daphne Klein, Bob Ruel, Cynthia Bruss (alternate), and Leigh Callaway (Selectman's Representative).

Bruce Allen opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of 10/06/16 were approved as written.

**Town Lots:**

The rationale for needing a survey of the Kinsley lot was discussed. The ambiguity is primarily associated along one property line and it was suggested that it might be possible to have just the line surveyed, rather than the entire lot.

Signs have been posted on the McDonald Knapp, Knowlton and Fogg lots, identifying them as town property and indicating that access by wheeled vehicles is not allowed.

There was a follow up discussion about the possibility of merging the McDonald Knapp, Knowlton and Fogg lots. Ken Jacques reported that the Planning Commission indicated that it would be considered a volunteer merger. Questions were raised by both the Planning Commission and Selectmen as to the advantage of such an action. It was decided that the merger would not be pursued at this time.

Selectman Callaway indicated that a townsperson had brought concerns to the town office regarding treatment she and her children received when trying to access the Royal Arch property. The Commission discussed the ongoing dilemma of not having legal public access to the Royal Arch and Society lots which are town property. It was agreed that obtaining an easement or other means of right of way to these land locked lots should remain a high priority of the Commission.

Bruce Allen and Cynthia Bruss cleared land surrounding apple and cherry trees on the McDonald Knapp lot.

**Outreach:**

The Commission's sponsored presentation by Chris Martin will be held November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Meeting Hall. The public hike to Fowler Town was considered a success, and future destinations discussed were Webster Pass, Aaron's Ledge, Morgan Pond and Pitcher Hill..

Advance planning for Old Home Day will center on creating an activity for children, and creating a map and information highlighting interesting town walks and points of interest.

**Zoning, Planning, Selectman Reports:**

The Zoning Commission has been working on a change to the zoning ordinances regarding Accessory Dwelling units so that the town is not forced to default to the state regulations. The proposed changes are intended to be ready to go before the town at the annual meeting.

**Action Items:**

- Bruce will email Commission members about a visit to the Kinsley lot after hunting season is over, and initiate the process to get a formal quote for having it surveyed.
- Marla will work on getting a 2' x 3' laminated topographical map of the town to display hiking trails.
- Daphne will gather some ideas about children's games for Old Home Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Marla Binzel