

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, Jeremy Johnston, Daphne Klein, Cynthia Bruss (alternate), and Leigh Calloway (Selectman's Representative).

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

Minutes: The minutes of 2/2/17 were approved as written.

Town Lots

- As part of the Commission's ongoing efforts to inventory the town's conservation lots, the Commission decided to schedule a trip to the Fogg lot for April 1st at 10:00 a.m. Members will carpool to the site. Plans include reviewing boundaries and obtaining GPS coordinates for wetlands on the lot.
- There was a discuss about the possibility of the town purchasing the Knowlton property with Conservation Commission funds and other grant funds, should the deed of the lot be determined to rightfully belong to the previous owners.
- Cynthia Bruss brought up another town property, Collins Park, and indicated that it is in need of being cleaned (trash and brush removal). The Commission noted that it would be an ideal student service project. Members will check with local students who might be in need of completing service hours before the end of the school year.

Outreach:

- Bruce Allen, Patricia Allen-Shaw and Cynthia Bruss attended the recent joint meeting of Conservation Commission members from Springfield, Grantham and Enfield organized by the Eastman Foundation Trust. Discussions revolved around common challenges facing the commissions and possible future joint projects, such as mapping hiking trails which cross town lines.
- The annual Green- Up Day has been scheduled for Saturday May 6th from 9-11 a.m. Participants should report to the Firehouse to pick up supplies (bags, gloves, etc.) and register which route they are cleaning.
- The Commission discussed the possibility of sponsoring a presentation by a local wildlife rehabilitator (Maria Colby, Winds of the Dawn) during Old Home Day.

Zoning, Planning and Selectmen Report

Two zoning ordinances, one regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and the other regarding the definition of a structure will be up for vote at town meeting.

Action Items:

- **Daphne will arrange publicity for the Green-Up Day and contact Bob Ruel to get the bags, etc. She will also contact organizers of Old Home Day to discuss the possible wildlife presentation.**
- **Bruce will contact Pixie to designate Marla Binzel as the commission's liaison for the web site.**

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

