

Conservation Commission

February 7, 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, Tim Fraser, Ken Jacques, Daphne Klein, and George McCusker (Selectmen's Rep).

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

Minutes: The minutes of 1/3/19 were approved as written.

Election of Officers:

A motion was made, seconded and approved that the following officers be elected for 2019:

Chair – Bruce Allen

Vice Chair – Marla Binzel

Treasurer- Ken Jacques

Secretary – Marla Binzel

Town Lots:

Dan Saulnier met with the Commission to describe the pictorial town map he and his wife are developing as part of the 250th Celebration. He wanted input about what trail heads he should include, as well as suggestions for any other points of interest that should be part of the map. He will identify the town conservation lots on the map. It was suggested that he contact Todd Richardson at Star Lake to verify which access points/trails are open to the public.

Outreach:

250th Hikes - Cynthia Bruss enquired as to whether the Commission was planning to present any background information at the hikes being given as part of the 250th activities and offered to assist. She indicated that she is planning to participate in the hike on March 2nd. Bruce tentatively plans to participate in all 4, and Marla anticipates participating in all but the September hike, unless she is needed, in which case she will return from vacation early.

OHD- George suggested that the Commission consider Ben Kilim as a speaker for OHD or another time when they are booking someone to make a presentation, as his program is very popular. It was agreed that a speaker would not be booked for OHD unless the Entertainment Committee was in need of a time slot to be filled. Ken reported that he had spoken with Debbie Coffin and Forever Locked has recently been taken over by the Wildlife Heritage Foundation. The specifics are still being worked out, but it is still looking optimistic that we may have the exhibit for OHD. There isn't a canned presentation, but a driver and 2 knowledgeable assistants will accompany the exhibit. Ken suggested that it would be great if we could get Ray Derrigan (who found the remains) to speak, and Ken will attempt to contact him. A poll was taken about availability for manning a booth at OHD, Daphne and Ken are unavailable, Tim, Pat, Bruce and Marla would be able to cover shifts.

Zoning, Planning, Selectman reports:

George reported that there will be considerable issues on Carter Brook Road with the change in seasons, as the road and bridge have both experienced extensive damage from logging activity, and repairs/restitution have not yet been made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Submitted by Marla Binzel