

**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, Ken Fraser, Ken Jacques, Daphne Klein and George McCusker (Selectman's Rep). Others present: Jim Bednar.

Bruce Allen opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of 5/2/19 were approved as written.

**Town Lots:** Marla reported that she had met with the Selectmen at their previous meeting to present the proposal for plans for Collins Park. The current focus will be on clearing understory and brush and building some small bridges over wet areas within the Park itself. George will discuss with the personnel from the Highway Department the possibility of chipping brush and small trees and limbs removed from the area. The Commission decided to set an initial work session on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Marla will contact Poul Heilmann of the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee so that the date and time can be relayed to the members of their committee.

**Outreach:** Green-Up Day was held on May 4<sup>th</sup> and a number of roads in town were cleaned either prior to Saturday, or on Saturday itself.

There was a great turnout for the hike to Fowlertown with 29 participants. The black flies were not too bothersome and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to visit with neighbors and visitors who came to Springfield to participate in the hike. The discussion of the road to the cemetery prompted a discussion about Class VI roads. The discussion centered around access to Class VI roads, maintaining their condition, and limiting the damage that occurs due to irresponsible use by motorized wheeled vehicles. The Commission suggested that the State Conservation Association should pursue the enactment of an RSA by the legislature that would allow towns to gate and lock these roads.

**OHD -** Bruce has reserved a booth for the Commission and potted up young Northern Bayberry plants from the State Nursery to hand out to visitors to the booth. Bruce will again provide a tent for the booth. Marla will pick up a table and the poster about invasive plants from Daphne before Daphne leaves on vacation.

**Communications and miscellaneous:**

Daphne accompanied Dode Gladders (UNH County Extension Forester) to set out 2 Emerald Ash Borer traps on the MacDonald Knapp lot. Daphne and other members of the Commission will be periodically checking the traps throughout the summer.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission would be July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Commission voted to change the meeting to Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup>, same time and place.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by Marla Binzel