

## Conservation Commission

11/7/ 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, Emily Cleaveland, Ken Jacques, Daphne Klein, George McCusker (Selectmen's rep). Also in attendance: Mark Durgin.

Bruce Allen opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of 10/3/19 were approved as written.

Mark Durgin had a question about where he could find a copy of the town's Natural Resource Inventory, and when was the last time it was updated. A copy was retrieved from the Commission's files and lent to Mark. It was last updated in 2008.

### Town Lots:

Kinsley Lot—George indicated he had asked Peter to check with Tim about a road in question on the lot. Tim wasn't present so it was unclear if the connection had been made. Marla has painted the background of the signs but still needs to paint the lettering. She will bring the signs to Bruce when she is finished and he will place them on the trail.

Collins Park—Additional clearing was done on 10/26<sup>th</sup>. A limited number of people attended the work day. There was a discussion about the trash along the Rt 114 side, near and in the old mill site. Broken glass, shingles, and a variety of other materials have been dumped over the bank. Following a discussion about the potential hazards associated with some of the materials, it was decided to defer any action until a better assessment can be made as to the best way to move forward. If some of the items can be safely removed, it was suggested that next year's Green Up day might be a time to schedule a work session to haul those items up the bank.

### Outreach:

The Commission's 250<sup>th</sup> hike to the Royal Arch was well attended and enjoyed by the participants. This was the last of the hikes that the Commission organized as part of the 250<sup>th</sup> events.

The root wrench and sign out sheet are now in the library, and it is already being utilized by residents. Daphne will gather addresses of some good web sites that provide instruction for how to use the wrench, and also how to identify invasive plants. Marla will arrange to have these put on the Commission's web site, and she will place a weather proof label on the wrench directing people to the web site for further information on using the wrench.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Submitted by Marla Binzel

### Action Items:

Marla will finish painting the trail signs, arrange to have info on using the root wrench put on the web site and put a label on the wrench.

Daphne will research some good web sites with instructions on using the root wrench and identifying invasive plants.