

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

Members present: Marla Binzel, Emily Cleaveland, Ken Jacques, George McCusker, Daphne Klein, and (remotely by Zoom) Dan Saulnier

Marla opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: Emily made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/6/20. George seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

Formalization of Commission's planned procedure (outlined in March minutes) to review wetland applications: In December, 2019, revisions in NH wetlands regulations included changes as to how Conservation Commissions review applications for work that might impact wetlands. At the March meeting, the CC formulated a draft set of protocols they would follow when a wetlands application was submitted to the Springfield Town Clerk. After reviewing the various steps that had been proposed, everyone agreed to follow the protocols as outlined; if changes need to be made later, the protocols can be amended. George made a motion that the CC adopt the procedures for reviewing applications involving wetlands that were formulated at the March meeting. Emily seconded. The motions passed unanimously.

Town Lots:

- Four town-owned lots in the northeast corner of Springfield need to be perambulated and assessed to see if they are prospects for a timber harvest in the near future and to refresh any boundary blazes on these lots. Those lots are the McDonald/Knapp lot, the Prescott Hill lot, the Fogg lot, and the Clay/Webster (Schoolhouse) lot. Ken said that Pierre Bedard has done work in this area and he will ask Pierre if he has any information that he could share with the CC. Dan offered to be the point person to set up dates for the perambulation and will contact Bruce Allen and Cynthia Bruss who have offered to help. Dan has received on loan a GPS unit from the UVLSRPC to record the boundaries.
- Tim will be putting up new signs for the trails on the Kinsley lot.
- CC members reported that Peter Abair has been very helpful with taking down and removing trees from the Collins Park lot. A tentative date for the next Collins Park work day was set for June 14th at 1:00 pm. Marla will confirm that date by email.

Outreach:

- The town will be receiving a 5-6 foot white spruce as a gift from the Eastman Charitable Foundation to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. The tree will be planted between the skateboard and basketball courts and will be pruned as needed so that it doesn't get too tall. Marla suggested that a small sign be placed at the base of the tree. She will send out the suggested wording to CC members for their approval.
- Since there was no official Green Up Day this year, the town has put some trash bags in the foyer of the town office for people who would like to help keep the town's roads looking beautiful. Filled trash bags can be put in the dumpster behind the Safety/Highway Building. CC members commented that many roads are looking much better already.

Zoning/Planning/Selectmen Reports:

- George reported that calls continue to be made to the state regarding the wetlands violations on Mr. Pratt's property facing Lake Kolelemook on Route 114.

- The Planning Board, in conjunction with Whit Smith, has created a new checklist which should facilitate the application process.
- A new Agriculture Committee has been formed and it will be meeting weekly for now. They will be making recommendations to the Planning Board.

Communications and Miscellaneous:

- A notice was received from Horizons Engineering regarding exploratory drilling for water that they will be doing in Eastman.
- Marla will be posting updated information about ticks in NH on the CC website.
- Daphne mentioned that Dan's name is not listed on the CC page of the town website as being a CC member. Marla will see to this.
- Daphne said that there is still no sign at the entrance to the Fowlertown Road from Route 4A identifying the road as Class VI road. George said that he will talk to Peter about this.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Dan will set up dates for perambulation of town owned lots and contact Bruce Allen and Cynthia Bruss.**
- **Ken will contact Pierre Bedard to see what information he has about the four town owned lots in the northeast corner of town.**
- **Tim will put up new signs in the Kinsley lot.**
- **Marla will confirm date by email for the next work session in Collins Park.**
- **Marla will email CC members with suggested text for a sign about the spruce tree that will be planted near the rec field.**
- **Marla will put info about ticks on the CC website and will add Dan's name as a CC member.**
- **George will contact Peter Abair about putting up a Class VI sign for the Fowlertown Road.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by: Daphne Klein, Secretary