

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

Members present: Marla Bintzel, Tim Fraser, Ken Jacques, Dan Saulnier, Emily Cleaveland  
Guests present: Perry Hodges, Cynthia Bruss

**Minutes:** Marla noted that she attended the LSPA watershed committee meeting, not the board meeting, and asked that be corrected. Dan moved to approve the August minutes with that change. Tim 2nded. August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes approved with the word “board” changed to “watershed committee”, unanimously.

**Town Lots:**

- Collins Park clean up was a success. Ken’s metal barrel was filled; hopefully removed, Marla will check. Hopefully the barrel of broken glass was also removed. The crates of intact ‘vintage’ glass went like hotcakes from the facebook page, with more than one party interested. This may promote interest in future clean-ups if we bill it as a “treasure hunt”.
- Kinsley Trail work session was scheduled for Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 10-12am. Tim noted on his recent hike of the trails that the edges are starting to narrow, and they could use some widening.

**Wetlands and Waterfront:**

- A permit has been submitted by the town to the state to do the work on the culvert on George Hill over Gove Brook. A copy of the proposal can be viewed – see Pixie at the Town Office.

**Invasives Task Force:**

- The New London Conservation Commission and Ausbon Sargent’s presentation on Japanese knotweed was informative. Doug Cygan, the Invasive Species Coordinator for the State of NH is training others to help with the inordinate amount of clean-up work. Much talk on Japanese knotweed ensued, as well as discussion on the difference between Round-up and Rodeo.

**Outreach:**

- Yellow osier dogwood seedlings have all been distributed. All 50 of them! This may be a new native plant dispersal record.

**BioBlitz:**

- The word has been sent out about UNH Extension’s BioBlitz; “a species scavenger hunt where anyone can help find and record data on as many different species (plants, animals, insects, fungi) as possible in a certain area and a short amount of time”. New London and Sutton had articles in the Intertown. Extension made a fun video (available on the Springfield Facebook page), and on the CC website. (note, remove after Sept.)

**Zoning, Planning, Selectmen Reports**

- No Selectboard member present
- Planning board dealing with short term rental issue.

**Communications and Miscellaneous:**

- Perry Hodges brought up concerns about a property on a ledge adjacent to Baptist Pond that has a dump area with tremendous run-off - with all the latest rains – into the Baptist Pond watershed. She has pictures of the run-off, and has noted trash in many forms, including, but not limited to a refrigerator. Besides being one of Springfield's treasured water areas, Baptist Pond is part of the Sunapee watershed, and something should be done to protect its waters from run-off from a trash heap.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Submitted by: Emily Cleaveland, Secretary