

**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, Ken Jacques, Daphne Klein and George McCusker (Selectman's Rep).

Others present: Cynthia Bruss .

Bruce Allen opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of 2/1/18 were approved as written. There are no minutes for March as there was not a quorum.

**Town Lots:** Daphne will send out an email to schedule a visit by the Commission to the new Kinsley trail, once the conditions permit. Darrin Patten has been before the Selectman regarding clearing up a question regarding a boundary line between his land and the adjoining town land.

**Outreach:** The annual Green-Up Day will be Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-11. The Garden Club has been contacted to see if they want to co-sponsor as usual. Daphne will contact Janet Roberts about getting access to the Fire Station and arranging trash pickup by the Highway Department. The public is invite to come to the Fire Station to pick up gloves and trash bags. Daphne will be there from 9-9:30 and Marla will be there from 9:30-11.

The Commission began preliminary discussions about year's Old Home Day (7/14/18). Bruce feels the Commission should have a booth this year. Suggestions included a poster with the town lots highlighted and hiking trails identified. Also discussed was a quiz where people could test their knowledge of the town by identifying pictures of various town highlights.

**250<sup>th</sup> Celebration:** Marla reported that the Antiques Appraisal went very well and the Duck Race is the next event.

**Goals:** The Commission continued discussing goals for the year, with website improvement, trails and lot management under discussion this evening. During a discussion of which lots might be cut next, it was decided that the Arches & Society lots need to be looked at and perhaps walked with Brooks to determine if there is sufficient valuable timber to proceed with the planning of a timber harvest on those properties.

**Communications and miscellaneous:** The Commission discussed the history of the size of the Commission being changed from 5 to 7, and what steps would be required to change it back to 5. There was discussion about pros and cons of 5 vs. 7 members. John Trakey contacted Bruce expressing interest in being appointed to the Commission, and some other potential new members were discussed. It was decided that further discussion is needed before any actions are taken.

**Action Items:**

Bruce will contact the State Assoc. of Conservation Commissions about the steps required to reduce the number of members on a commission, and also whether an individual can simultaneously serve as a member and a Selectman's representative.

Relevant tax maps for the Arch and Society lots will be brought in to the next meeting so that we can clarify who the abutters are.

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

Submitted by Marla Binzel