

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, Daphne Klein, Ken Jacques, Patricia Allen-Shaw (alternate), George McCusker (Selectman's Rep), and Emily Cleaveland.

Bruce Allen opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m

Minutes: The minutes of 9/6/18 were accepted as submitted. Bruce didn't get a chance to contact the Selectmen about removing Jeremy Johnson and adding Emily to the Commission and will do so prior to the next meeting.

Town Lots:

There was discussion about obtaining a root wrench for removing buckthorn and other invasive shrubs when trail work on the town lots. Ken will bring an update on the Commission's budget to the next meeting and Bruce will check on the cost to purchase one. George will check with Peter to make sure the Highway Dept. doesn't already have one.

Daphne will contact Commission members about available dates for a work day on the Kinsley lot to begin laying out the connecting trail. Members discussed what signage to put up to direct people to the Kinsley Loop trail.

Town Beach

Ken provided some of the background regarding the dilemma the town is facing with regards to the beach. The degree of the slope in that location is the major factor. In its current design, any sand added to the beach will continue to be washed into the lake, as will runoff from the road. This makes that option very difficult to get state approval. The comparison was made to Buchlin beach, where the grade from the road to the water is very gradual. The challenge with a perched beach is that a switch back ramp, requiring considerable space, would be needed to provide accessibility in a site with that much slope.

Outreach:

Old Home Day – The possibility of getting the Forever Locked exhibit for OHD was discussed. Other featured speakers that the Commission might sponsor were suggested, including Maria Colby from Wings of the Dawn and the Mooseman. It was decided that the Mooseman might be better suited to another time, and that the prior presentation from Maria Colby was very well attended, especially by children.

Communication and Miscellaneous:

Daphne pointed out that the Commission's website needs to be updated with to reflect new members.

Action Items:

Bruce will email Janet to have the Selectmen add Emily to the Commission and remove Jeremy, check on prices for a root wrench and look into making a wooden name sign for the Kinsley Trail.

Ken will bring updated budget numbers to the next meeting and George will check with Peter about the root wrench.

Daphne email members to schedule a work day at the Kinsley lot.

Marla will get a couple of copies of the PDF overview of the Loop Trail and contact Jill about updating the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by Marla Binzel