

**Conservation Commission
Memorial Building**

**April 1st, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

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

Members present: Marla Binzel, Emily Cleaveland, Dan Saulnier

Members present via zoom: Tim Fraser, Daphne Klein (alt.)

Guests present: Martin Bean (7:30)

Guests via zoom: Gene Hayes, Sue-Ann Kasanaugh

Marla opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes: Daphne moved to approve the minutes of 03/04/2021. Tim seconded. The minutes of 03/04/2021 were approved unanimously.

Natural Resource Inventory:

- Bruce Allen, and Patricia Allen-Shaw came across some CC materials when unpacking boxes, which they turned over to Marla. In it was the thumbdrive with the database for Springfield's Natural Resource Inventory Map.

Dan is attempting to contact the original builders. This might help with our updating, but regardless, there are MANY existing resources of how to develop a current model.

Town Lots:

- Marla was able to map areas of concern on Kinsley Lot. She overlaid the trail GPS tracks onto the NH GRANIT layer "Planning Trails for People and Wildlife". This identified areas of high and low impact for wildlife. This GIS layer was developed by NH Fish & Game for land management and planning of hiking trails to provide the lowest impact on local wildlife.

There was some discussion as to the location of the large pines Brooks Weathers had observed while snowmobiling, but it was generally agreed that the best plan was to give the map to Ken to show to Brooks, and let him clear up the confusion.

Wetlands:

- There is a homeowner proposing a patio within the Shoreland District. They are applying for a Special Exception from the Zoning Board(town) and anticipates being able to qualify for a Permit by Notification from DES(state) due to the limited size of the patio.

- Dan checked out the culvert on George Hill Rd that Cynthia had concerns about (see March 4th minutes) and reports that it is indeed level flow through already, so it should be little to no impact on wildlife, since the repair is not a change of the design, but only a replacement of the bottom lining – from metal to concrete.

Green-up Day:

- Daphne will put an announcement together for 1st Saturday in May; May 1st. The Springfield Garden Club is willing to co-sponsor the event, and be responsible for clean up of Georges Mills Rd.

Zoning, Planning, Selectmen Reports

- Nothing of note

Communications and Miscellaneous:

- Emily will be attending the NHACC Lunch&Learn Zoom Series; Invasive Landscape Plants on Town Properties, and Marla will be attending; Maps, Data, Action! Working for Wildlife and Habitats. Others were invited to join as well.
- Emily has conflict with the 7:00 time on Thursday evenings. Some discussion was had about moving the time to 7:30. Tim would appreciate the later time. Marla offered to look into a possible change, which would require a change in the Commission's bylaws, since meeting day/time is governed by that instrument. Ultimately it will be up to the Selectboard, as the CC is under their jurisdiction. It was generally agreed that next month the meeting will officially open at 7:00, but not commence until 7:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Submitted by: Emily Cleaveland, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ken will approach Brooks Weathers about areas in need of logging
- Daphne will compose an announcement for May 1st Green-up Day
- Marla will look into 7:30 time.