

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: Daphne Klein

Marla opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes: Emily made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/2/20. Dan seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

Town Lots:

- No updates on the town lots that are under consideration for timber harvest in the northeast corner of town.
- Marla reported that the Collins Park work day on July 26th went well. They were able to pull out a lot of downed branches. Marla will talk to Peter Abair about lowering the oil drum down into the park so that the rusted debris can be loaded into it.
- The next Collins Park work day was tentatively scheduled for September 19th at 9:00 a.m. This date will be confirmed at the September meeting.
- CC members would also like to set a date to work on the trail in the Kinsley lot that will connect with the Kinsley loop trail. The date will be decided upon at the September meeting.

Master Plan Survey:

- Marla will email Kevin to see what the final wording will be on the question dealing with protecting water resources in town.

Discussion of Wetlands Educational Materials:

- Marla reported that she asked Whit Smith if he could include her on the recipients list when he emails his Zoning Coordinator reports, and he agreed to do so.
- At the July 13th Select Board meeting, Marla, Whit and the Select Board discussed the role of the Conservation Commission with regard to zoning permits involving wetlands issues. In December 2019, DES enacted new regulations that encourage more involvement of conservation commissions. Whit said that the new state regulations may not be in complete alignment with the town's regulations. Marla said that when she receives the Zoning Coordinator's reports, she will be able to see if there are any wetlands issues involved, and the Conservation Commission, if appropriate, can then provide feedback to the Zoning Board. See the Select Board minutes of 7/13 for the full discussion.
- A discussion then ensued about the property at 2068 Main Street where the owners have requested a special exception from the Zoning Board. There are significant concerns about the size of the project relative to the size of the lot and the impact that the runoff would have on Lake Kolelemook. Emily made a motion that the CC write a letter of concern to the Zoning Board about this request. Dan seconded. The motion passed with four in favor and none opposed.
- Dan then made a motion to create a working group of up to three people whose task would be to investigate the DES special exception permit application, and then, if warranted, draft a letter

outlining the CC's concerns and recommendations to the Zoning Board. This draft would then be circulated by Janet Roberts to all CC members for comment and ultimately a vote. Emily seconded the motion. The motion passed with four in favor and none opposed. Emily, Dan, and Marla volunteered to be on the working group.

Communications and Miscellaneous:

- The Lake Sunapee Protective Association will be making a presentation to the Select Board outlining their new watershed plan on 8/24.
- Marla will scan and forward to CC members the most recent issue of LSPA's 'The Beacon', which has an article mentioning two parameters, chloride and dissolved oxygen, where Lake Sunapee's water quality does not meet state or federal water quality standards, respectively. She indicated these might be parameters to be on the alert for in Springfield's lakes and ponds.
- Marla has received notice from the New London CC of some upcoming trail closures due to logging. She will put that information on the CC's webpage and will also forward the information to Susan Chiarella, who is one of the SRKG's directors for Springfield.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by: Daphne Klein, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Marla will contact Peter Abair to ask him to lower the oil drum down into Collins Park.**
- **The working group of Marla, Dan, and Emily will investigate the DES special exception permit application regarding the proposed construction at 2068 Main Street and draft a letter to the Zoning Board if they identify concerns about the impact this construction would have on Lake KOLELEMOOK.**
- **Marla will put trail closing information on the website and also forward it on to Susan Chiarella.**