

**Conservation Commission
Memorial Building**

**August 5, 2021
7:36**

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

Members present: Marla Bintzel, Dan Saulnier, Emily Cleaveland, Daphne Klein (alt.)

Guests present: Martin Bean

In the absence of a quorum, Daphne Klein stepped in as a voting member.

Minutes: Daphne moved to approve the July minutes with no changes. Dan 2nded. July 1, 2021 minutes approved unanimously.

Town Lots:

- Individuals had asked the Selectboard at the last meeting about baiting bears on Kinsley and Brooks lot. General agreement was that this was unwise.

Wetlands and Waterfront:

- Marla attended the LSPA board meeting. Much concern was expressed about stormwater runoff into lakes. Current conditions with respect to enforcement of town ordinances that are in place to restrict the runoff in many of the LSPA regional towns are alarming, as post Covid operations move back toward normalcy. Even DES enforcement has dropped. The LSPA has formed a committee to explore helping towns find funding for enforcement.

Invasives Task Force:

- The New London Conservation Commission and Ausbon Sargent are jointly sponsoring a presentation to shed light on the problem of Japanese Knotweed and to help property owners deal with this noxious pest; Thursday, August 12, 2021 - 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Outreach:

- Yellow osier dogwood seedlings are still available. Emily will post a notice on the Springfield Facebook page that they will be available at the Historical Society open house Saturday, August 14th.

BioBlitz:

- Marla had sent out a link to the 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". Many CC members had already downloaded the app, and it was agreed that we should advertise on the Springfield Facebook page a bit closer to September, but no one felt moved to make a full CC event of it.

Zoning, Planning, Selectmen Reports

- No Selectboard member present
- No Planning board activity relating to Conservation Commission

Communications and Miscellaneous:

- DES wants more information on the Sandy Beach Rd. bridge

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Submitted by: Emily Cleaveland, Secretary