

**Conservation Commission  
Memorial Building**

**April 6, 2023  
7:35**

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

Members present: Tim Fraser, Emily Cleaveland, Ken Jacques, Brooks Weathers, Jeff Lewis  
Alternate member present: Cynthia Bruss

**March Minutes:** Tim moved to approve the March 2nd minutes as entered, Cynthia 2nded. Unanimous approval. 2 abstentions

**Green Up Day Saturday, May 6th:**

Poster received universal acceptance. Daphne will be at the Highway/Safety building with trash bags and gloves between 9-10. Highway Department will pick up bags left along the sides of the roads.

**Earth Day, Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 11-2:**

Ty Morris Real Estate, and the Springfield Garden Club are sponsoring an event at the meeting house.  
<https://ourcommonhome.my.canva.site>

Tim asked if the CC should set up a table. Jeff and Emily offered to help him man it in rotating shifts. Tim has information for a CC brochure, Jeff offered some formatting software to help out. Tim will send him the info. Emily has the posters (invasive plants, polinator gardens, etc.). Cynthia offered to make some inquiries about the wooden "Springfield Conservation Commission" sign. The native plant seedlings will only be 11 days old at that point, and might be a little spindly. Besides, there was some worry that they might undercut the "native plant raffle".

**Town Lots:**

Once the snow and mud ease up, a general walk of lots should be undertaken.  
Ken and Brooks discussed walking the Arch and Society lots to consider possible cuts needed.

**Baptist Pond sand replacement**

Members reviewed an application for sand replacement requested by Baptist Pond Trust  
No one had any issues with the 10 cubic yard application via wheelbarrow.  
Tim will sign and return.

**Outreach:**

Emily moved to grant permission for Emily and Jeff to spend up to, but no more than \$200 on potting soil and pots to plant the 25 Balsam Fir and 1 wetlands package of seedlings from the NH State Forest Nursery  
Jeff 2nded. Unanimous approval. Jeff will get the soil from Eastman's, and will look into used pots from Spring Ledge and his own supplies.

**Zoning and Planning:** McGraw's 'shed' on a stretch of property a long hike off Grafton Rd. was approved to be used as a rustic rental, providing the owner is on premises when the 'shed' is in use.  
Planning still dealing with short term rental. Noise ordinance issue turned over to selectboard.

**Other/Communications:**

Tim has some LSPA seminars/webinars shared to the calendar.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.  
Submitted by: Emily Cleaveland, secretary.

