

**Conservation Commission
Memorial Building**

**August 3, 2023
7:34**

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

Members present: Tim Fraser, Emily Cleaveland, Brooks Weathers
Alternate member present: Cynthia Bruss, Daphne Klein
Tim requested that Cynthia step up to active status to make a quorum
Visitors present: Martin Bean

July Minutes: Cynthia moved to approve the July 13th minutes as entered, Brooks 2nded. Unanimous approval. 1 abstention.

Donation fund:

There are three funds: the operating budget, Conservation funds, and the Royal Arch fund, which is not controlled by the CC, but by the Society for Protection of the Natural Forest (contact person; Jack Finch)

Town Lots:

Tim wants to clean up Cynthia's loop, but it's been too wet to do much trail work. The bridge needs repair before any sort of town wide group hike, which we would like to do. Brooks and Tim hope to connect and repair, but probably not going to happen in August.

Cynthia brought up the Arch & Society lot. We could log – if we do funds must go back to conservation based on the trust deed. Follow up needed.

Outreach:

About 10-12 plants left over from the 50 conservation plants. An even mix of the 5 wetland species (no more elderberry) and some balsam fir. These could possibly be distributed at Historical Soc. Bake sale and/or Spaghetti dinner and the hike in October? Maybe also by Facebook post.

Tim brought up a sign-up list made of folks interested in CC that was created at the Summer Celebration. Emily did not find it in the box of handouts she picked up for the Historical Society Ice Cream demo, so Tim is going to look for it.

Other:

Cynthia suggested perhaps a warrant article be proposed for 10% of logging of town lots be added to Conservation Commission's operating budget. Amounts were discussed of previous logging amounts. 10% would be a considerable influx to current budget. Warrant articles need to be in well before the Town Meeting in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.
Submitted by: Emily Cleaveland, secretary.