

**Conservation Commission
Memorial Building**

**November 2, 2023
7:34**

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

Members present: Tim Fraser, Emily Cleaveland, Jeff Lewis, Martin Bean

Alternate member present: Cynthia Bruss, Daphne Klein

Tim requested that Cynthia and Daphne step up to active status to fill out the board

Visitors present: Erin Meding

October Minutes: Cynthia moved to approve the October 5th minutes as entered, Jeff 2nded. Unanimous approval. 2 abstentions.

Town Lots:

Tim walked around Kinsley, found and consumed some chaga – (please note: never eat wild fungus unless you are absolutely certain what it is).

Discussion took place about the wooden sign for the entrance of Kinsley Loop Trail. It was noted that Ken was given authorization last meeting to construct a wooden sign for the entrance.

Daphne and Cynthia will be painting blazes on the Kinsley Loop, and a few other places to replace the metal plates currently tacked onto the trees at 2:00pm on November 3rd. Jeff Lewis may be joining them.

Ausborn Sargent Round Table Summary: - Cynthia

Cricenti Bog was a hot topic of discussion. (if we ever do walkways over wet areas on any of our trails, stick to natural; don't use aluminum). Some discussion of Japanese knotweed, during which it was revealed that in some state owned areas, it was PLANTED to reduce erosion.

Outreach:

Jeff moved to request that the Selectboard accept the Conservation Commission's nomination of Erin Meding as a full-member. Cynthia 2nded. Unanimous approval.

The Kinsley Lot Loop hike scheduled for Oct. 21st or 22nd was canceled due to poor weather both days, and the conditions now are not ideal, between temperatures and wet leaves. The hike will have to be postponed until the spring.

Collins park made a fine non-spooky Halloween walk on October 28th. Participants walked across the bridge, past skeletons and tombstones, led by a 6-foot green CareBear and a Transformer to a Mad Scientist at the end, and then turned around and walked back. This gave some inspiration to possibly creating a loop in future clean-ups.

Martin and Erin are attending the NHACC Annual Meeting on Saturday. They were encouraged to pass along any receipts for costs to Ken.

Other:

Tim shared the Conservation Fund numbers.

Cynthia suggests we consider asking for 5-10% of logging to be re-directed into the Conservation Fund to pay for inventory of conservation lands. Royal Arch Lot may be coming up soon, and that is one who's logging could be claimed (at least a portion of it) by the CC. However, any such redirection of funding must be passed by the town in a warrant article.

Cynthia passed along information about the Curly-leaf pond weed to a Sunapee weed watcher, who was unawares of the problem.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by: Emily Cleaveland, secretary.