

**Conservation Commission  
Memorial Building**

**March 6, 2014  
7:00 p.m.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Bruce Allen.

Members present: Bruce Allen, Ken Jacques, Daphne Klein, Bob Ruel, Jane Seekamp, Cynthia Bruss (alternate). Also present: Leigh Callaway (Selectman) and Gerry Gold

**SKRG Coalition Trailwork Project:** Gerry Gold, from the Sunapee-Kearsarge-Ragged Greenway Coalition, introduced himself and gave a short history of the SKRG. The SKRG is in the process of applying for a grant to be used primarily to 1) raise public awareness of local trails and 2) to publicize the trail work days they are planning for the summer and fall in the 12 town region, which would make specific improvements on local trails and train volunteers in the skills they need to make these improvements. Gerry asked if the Springfield CC would write a letter of endorsement for this project that could be submitted along with the grant.

Jane made a motion, seconded by Daphne, that Bruce email a letter to the SKRG endorsing the trail work project. The motion passed unanimously.

Gerry said that even if the grant is not received, the trail work projects could still happen even without paid publicity. He invited the CC to think about a trail project they might want to sponsor, noting that there is plenty of time to determine what would be the most appropriate project.

**Minutes:** Bob made a motion, seconded by Bruce, to approve the minutes of 2/6/14. The motion passed unanimously.

**Conservation Lands and Town Owned Lots:**

**Kinsley lot:** Cynthia and Daphne went out to the Kinsley lot with Brooks Weathers, of Lake Sunapee Logging, to hear his ideas about which parts of the lot could be logged. Bruce and Cynthia went to the 2/24/14 Select Board meeting to update the Selectmen on the plans for logging the Kinsley lot. Brooks will be the consulting forester for the project and will prepare the inventory and oversee all aspects of the project. Cynthia has talked with all of the abutters to the Kinsley lot to inform them of the proposed logging operation, and no one raised any objections.

**Outreach:**

- **Green Up Day:** It was agreed to hold Green Up Day on the first Saturday of May, 5/3/14. Leigh said he would inform the Selectmen and would talk to the highway department to make the necessary arrangements. Jane will email the Garden Club to see if they would be interested in co-sponsoring Green Up Day with the CC.
- **Vernal Pools Program:** Dave Anderson from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests will give a presentation at the Town Meeting House on Wednesday, 3/19 at 7:00 pm. Bruce will submit an invoice to the town office, requesting a check for \$150 to come from the CC's account as a donation to the SPNHF. Daphne will manage the refreshments; CC members will bring in appropriate literature for display as well as pamphlets that can be given away. Bruce will email Planning Board members with

information about the program, since vernal pools have been discussed as part of the Springfield Wetlands Project.

**Other:**

- Leigh reported that the dredge and fill application requesting a wetlands crossing on the Highway-Safety lot was approved by DES. Leigh made special note of the extra time and effort that Jeff Evans put into getting this work done.
- Ken talked to the Department of Corrections about making the boundary markers for town property, and they will be sending the CC a contract.

**Action Items:**

- **Bruce will send a letter of support for the SKRG trail work project.**
- **Leigh will inform the SB and the Highway Department about Green Up Day to be held on Saturday, 5/3/14.**
- **Jane will talk to the Garden Club to see if they would be interesting in co-sponsoring Green Up Day with the CC.**
- **Bruce will submit an invoice requesting a \$150 donation from the CC account to the Forest Society for the vernal pools program.**
- **Daphne will organize refreshments for the vernal pools program.**
- **Bruce will email Planning Board with information about the vernal pools program.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein  
Secretary