

Memorial Building

7:00 p.m.

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

Members Present: Bruce Allen, Marla Binzel, Ken Jacques, Jeremy Johnson, Daphne Klein, Bob Ruel, Jane Seekamp (alternate).

Bruce Allen opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of 3/3/16 were approved as written.

Wetlands:

Bob Ruel mentioned that the state is keeping track of the official ice in/ice out dates for bodies of water in the state. In Springfield, only Baptist Pond and Lake Kolelemook are being reported. Bob is also monitoring the state's water quality reports that pertain to Springfield.

Town Lots:

There was a discussion about identifying which town properties would be suitable for the next timber harvest. It was agreed that when considering options for a future harvest on the Royal Arch property, it would be advisable to evaluate what options might be available for improving public access to the site.

Outreach:

· The annual Green-Up day has been scheduled for Saturday May 7th. Daphne Klein will handle publicity, including advertising on the town web-site, the InterTown, and signs in the town hall, etc. The Commission discussed reports of an increased occurrence of needles and other hazardous materials being found on public lands and roadways in communities throughout N.H. It was agreed that people participating in the Green-Up day would be advised that if such materials were found during their clean-up, they should contact local police so that the materials can be disposed of in an appropriate manner.

· Daphne reported that a small but enthusiastic group of people participated in the Commission's sponsored hike on the Brook lot. It was a good opportunity to showcase how responsible timber harvests can be compatible with preserving the natural resource and recreational values of town properties identified for conservation.

Zoning, Planning, and Selectman report:

Zoning and Planning have been addressing the proposed addition at Durgin and Crowell, the zoning exception request by Sue Ann Connery and the facility upgrades at Wonderwell. Additional details can be found in the minutes of the respective Boards.

Communication and miscellaneous:

- George McCusker has expressed an interest in joining the Conservation Commission. The Commission agreed that he would be a welcome addition and asked Bruce Allen to contact the Board of Selectman and nominate George for appointment to the Commission.
- The Commission discussed the possibility of changing the dates of regularly scheduled meetings to avoid conflicts with the public presentations sponsored by the Historical Society. Further action will be taken at the next meeting after additional information is obtained about other regularly scheduled town meetings and future plans of the Historical Society for public presentations.

Action Items:

- **Bruce will follow up with the Board of Selectman regarding the membership request.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted by Marla Binzel