

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

Members Present: Bruce Allen, Marla Binzel, Ken Jacques, George McCusker, Bob Ruel, Cynthia Bruss (alternate), Leigh Callaway (Selectman's Representative).

Bruce Allen opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of 5/5/16 were approved as written.

It was decided to continue meeting on the first Thursday of the month, rather than change the meeting schedule.

**Town Lots:**

During a recent walk through the Knowlton lot, Commission members noted evidence of significant recent vehicular traffic on the property. Following a discussion of the best means to deter this activity, it was decided that the initial response will be to place signs near entry points to the property, alerting people that they are entering town property and motorized vehicles (other than snowmobiles) are not allowed.

**Conservation Lands:**

For the benefit of some of the newer members of the Commission who may not be familiar with private conserved lands in Springfield, Bob Ruel provided an update, noting that there are 10 conservation easements encompassing 2756 acres.

**Outreach:**

- Green Up day was a success and the Commission is grateful to the residents of Springfield who participated in this annual event.
- Old Home Day – A request has been made to the state for furs for the Commission's booth, but no response has been received. Leigh Callaway indicated that the Elkins Fish & Game Club has a collection of stuffed bird specimens and a few of them might be available for the Commission's display at OHD.
- Three potential dates (two in October and one in November) were selected to be forwarded to Chris Martin to determine his availability for a Commission sponsored presentation on Eagles.

**Communication and miscellaneous:**

- The Commission received a Current Conditions Report from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests for the Arch and Society lots. The deed for the Arch lot was reviewed to refresh the members on the deed restrictions.

**Action Items:**

- **Leigh will contact the Elkins Fish & Game Club about specimens for OHD.**
- **Marla will work on organizing and summarizing the Arch lot file.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Marla Binzel