

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

Members present: Daphne Klein, Bob Ruel, Bruce Allen. Also present: Brooks Weathers, Cynthia Bruss, and George McCusker (Selectman representative).

Bruce Allen opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. As there was not a quorum, Bruce announced that it would be a discussion only meeting, with no voting.

Kinsley Lot: Bruce invited Brooks Weathers, the forester who is inventorying the Kingsley lot in preparation for the upcoming logging there, to speak first. Brooks has already marked many of the trees to be cut, primarily mature pines, but wanted to confirm exactly what the CC is looking for. Cynthia Bruss was invited to join in the discussion, as she had put in a lot of time studying the Kingsley lot when she was a CC member. The CC stated that the goal of conducting this cut is to generate revenue for the town through the timber sale, while maintaining wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities. Most of the cutting will take place in the southern and western sections of the lot; the northeastern section of the lot (north of the stream) will not be touched. Once the cut has been completed, the CC plans to develop a walking trail through this area. Brooks will revisit the lot and prepare a contract for the CC to approve. He stated that that it could be a dry summer cut if the weather cooperates or else a winter cut.

Brook Lot: CC members will go out later this spring to check on the regeneration in the five acre patch cut that was created when that lot was logged three years ago.

Conservation Lands: CC members signed a certificate of appreciation for Cheryl Cummer and Jack Lyle for placing a conservation easement through Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust on property they own on Nichols Hill Road.

Green Up Day: Bob will be the point person at the fire station from 9 – 11 on May 2nd. Daphne will send this info to the papers, create a flier, and ask that it be put on the town's message board.

Loon Presentation: Harry Vogel from the Loon Preservation Committee will be presenting a program at the town meeting house on Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00 pm. The CC is co-sponsoring this with the KLPA. Bruce will look into getting a check for the CC's share. Before the talk begins, Bruce will give a brief summary of what the CC does and invite people to come to meetings. He will also bring some literature for the information table.

Community Service Plans: CC members brainstormed some possible projects KRHS students could work on. These included trail work, creating trail maps or plant ID brochures, and serving as volunteer lake hosts at the town boat launch in partnership with the KLPA.

Action Items:

Bob will mail certificate of appreciation to Cheryl Cummer and Jack Lyle.

Daphne will do Green Up Day publicity.

Bruce will get check for loon presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein
Secretary