

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

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

Bruce Allen opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of 7/3/16 were approved as written. (There are no minutes for 8/4/16 as a quorum was not present and consequently no meeting was held.)

Wetlands: Bob Ruel noted that a small transient bloom of cyanobacteria had occurred on Baptist Pond. The state will be conducting water tests on Baptist Pond on September 7th.

Town Lots:

The possibility of having the Kinsley lot surveyed was discussed. Timber sales on town conserved lots have recently generated approximately \$40,000 which went into the town's unreserved fund. The Conservation Commission could request the Budget Committee recommend that an item be placed on next year's town warrant to appropriate the cost of the survey from the unrestricted fund. It was decided that an estimate of the cost of the survey is needed prior to making such a request to the Budget Committee.

The Commission discussed with Selectman Callaway how best to deter and monitor motorized vehicles which are creating problems on the McDonald Knapp, Knowlton and Fogg lots.

Conservation Lands:

The town website has been updated to include a link showing conserved properties in Springfield.

Outreach:

The Commission's sponsored presentation on eagles will be held Saturday November 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Meeting Hall. A public hike to Fowler Town is planned for Oct. 8th from 1-3 p.m.

It was noted that the Commission would like to generate some new, kid friendly displays and activities for next year's Old Home Day.

Action Items:

- Bruce will email Commission members about a visit to the Kinsley lot and initiate the process to get a formal quote for having it surveyed.
- Leigh will obtain 'No Wheeled Vehicle' signs for placement on town lots.
- Cynthia will look through historical materials for background information to be used during the Fowler Town walk.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by Marla Binzel