

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

Members present: Daphne Klein, Ken Jacques, Bruce Allen, Marilyn Priest, Bob Ruel. Also present: Marla Binzel, Cynthia Bruss, George McCusker (Selectman representative).

Bruce Allen opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of 3/5/15 and 4/7/15 were approved unanimously.

**CC Membership:** Bruce introduced Marla Binzel, who came to the loon presentation last month and spoke with several CC members there about what the CC does. Marla moved to Springfield last year, volunteers with Ausbon Sargent, and is interested in helping with CC projects. Bruce will email the Select Board and recommend that Marla be appointed to the CC. CC members then spoke with Cynthia Bruss about coming back as an alternate to the CC. Bruce will make that recommendation as well in his email to the SB.

**Wetlands:** Bob reported that loons are back on Baptist Pond and that overall the results of the water quality testing done in 2014 through the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) are good. Daphne said that the VLAP results for Kolelemook's water quality testing were also good, although if one looks at the historical trend, pH levels are lower and conductivity levels are higher than they were when the water testing program started on Kolelemook.

**Kinsley Lot:** Bruce will email Brooks Weathers to see when he expects to be able to finish marking trees in the Kinsley lot and prepare a contract for the logging operation.

**Brooks Lot:** Interested CC members will do a walk through of the Brooks lot on 6/6/15 at 9:00 a.m. Details will be confirmed at the June meeting on 6/4.

**Outreach:**

- Green Up Day: Bob spoke to Jane who was the point person at the fire station. She said there was a good turn out and that it was good to see so many families with young children participating.
- KRHS community service project: Marilyn has spoken with Amanda at KRHS, who said there is interest in having the fall botany class partner with the CC to do a hands-on project on one or more of the town owned lots. This could involve IDing plants and creating some type of informational display or brochure for the public or possibly something about invasive species. The CC would also like to offer trail work hours to interested KRHS students.
- The loon presentation by Harry Vogel of the Loon Preservation Committee was excellent, but the attendance was very disappointing, in spite of a paid ad in the Shopper and local publicity. The KLPA is hoping to follow up on this talk by having more information about loons in NH and giving away lead-free tackle at the KLPA table at Old Home Day.
- Old Home Day: Bruce will order some high bush cranberries for the CC to give out on OHD.

**Other Business:** George reported on issues that have come before the various boards in town. George encouraged the CC to think about what information would be useful to post on the CC's page of the town website and then send the information or links to Tamara. CC members who have ideas about

this should send the information to Bruce and Bob, who will decide what to send on to Tamara for posting.

**Action Items:**

- **Bruce will email Brooks Weathers regarding the Kinsley Lot.**
- **Bruce will email the SB to recommend that Marla Binzel be appointed to the CC and that Cynthia Bruss be appointed to the CC as an alternate.**
- **Marilyn will continue to work with KRHS about the student community service program.**
- **Bruce will order high bush cranberries for OHD.**
- **CC members will email Bruce and Bob with links or information that they think should be posted on the CC's page of the town website.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein  
Secretary