

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, Marla Binzel, Cynthia Bruss (alternate). Also present: George McCusker (Selectman representative).

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

Minutes: The minutes of 8/6/15 were approved as written.

Wetlands/Shoreland Protection:

- Bob reported that currently three waterbodies, including Kezar Pond in Henniker, are currently closed because of cyanobacteria blooms.
- Daphne reported that a Springfield resident had asked her to convey to the CC his concerns about the bulldozer work being done at 2489 Main Street. According to the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act, a permit is required if someone is going to use mechanized equipment to regrade or remove soil within 250 feet of the shoreland. When contacted by phone, DES said they had not received a shoreland permit application from that address. After some discussion about the best way to address this concern, Marla made a motion, seconded by Bob, that Bruce write a letter on behalf of the CC to the landowner, including a summary of the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act and information about how to contact DES to discuss the work he is doing within the protected shoreline area to determine if a permit was required for that work. The motion passed unanimously.

Kinsley Lot: Bruce reported that Brooks Weathers said he had some difficulty determining the exact boundary in one area of the Kinsley lot. Bruce will contact Brooks to set up a time when the two of them can go out together to clarify the boundary.

Outreach: Marilyn passed out a draft she has written of guidelines and project ideas for students interested in doing service projects. The CC is enthusiastic about moving forward with this plan of getting students with an interest in conservation involved in projects that will benefit the town. The CC came up with a number of possible project ideas and also felt that it would be good to develop a form that students would fill in to record their activities. Marilyn will contact Amanda Chase at KRHS to check on possible liability issues.

Marla, Cynthia, and Daphne volunteered to work with Marilyn on a subcommittee to develop project ideas and write them up. Bob made a motion, seconded by Bruce, that once the subcommittee has developed the project proposals, they have the authority to present them to KRHS. The motion passed unanimously.

Marla volunteered to contact a professor in the environmental studies program at Colby-Sawyer College to discuss possible ways that C-S students could collaborate on projects with the Springfield CC.

Other Business: George reported on issues that have come before the various boards in town. He said the Planning Board will be holding a special meeting about the Springfield Wetlands Project. He wasn't sure of the date, but said it would be on the calendar on the town website.

Action Items:

- **Bruce will write a letter to the property owner of 2489 Main Street.**
- **Bruce will contact Brooks Weathers to set up a time to clarify the boundary in the Kinsley lot.**
- **Marilyn will contact Amanda Chase at KRHS re: liability questions about student service projects.**
- **The subcommittee on student service projects will meet at a date and time TBA to develop project ideas.**
- **Marla will contact a professor in the Colby-Sawyer Environmental Studies department to discuss ways C-S students could collaborate on CC projects.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein
Secretary