Conservation Commission Memorial Building

September 4, 2014 7:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Bruce Allen.

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

It was pointed out that in the minutes of 8/7/14, the last sentence under "**Outreach:**" should read: "In fact, Marilyn Priest [not Marilyn Heath] came to this meeting as a direct result of talking to CC members there." The minutes of 8/7/14 were then approved as amended.

CC Membership: Because of Marilyn's continued interest in the work of the CC, Bob made a motion, seconded by Daphne, that the CC recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Marilyn Priest be appointed to the Conservation Commission. The motion passed unanimously. George will convey this information to the other Selectmen.

Wetlands: Bob reported on the results of the NH loon census that was done on July 19th. For this census, volunteers observe lakes and ponds for the same one hour period and record the loons that they see. This census only provides a snapshot, as many lakes are not observed and the number of volunteers can vary somewhat from year to year, but the numbers seem to be consistent with last year's results. There have been several loon deaths this year that resulted from the loons ingesting lead tackle.

Bruce reported that the Kolelemook Lake Protective Association is planning to present a public presentation on loons with a speaker from the NH Loon Preservation Committee, and the KLPA has asked if the CC would like to co-sponsor this event, which would most likely be held in the spring or summer. At this event, anglers would be invited to bring in old tackle that contains lead and exchange it for lead-free tackle. Bruce made a motion, seconded by Bob, that the CC co-sponsor the loon presentation and appropriate up to \$50 to help pay for costs. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Lots: Bruce will talk with Brooks Weathers about the upcoming timber cut on the Kinsley lot. Bruce reported that he and Cynthia planted five crabapple saplings on the Brook lot and marked the remaining corners with the town boundary markers.

Other Business:

- Bruce passed around Cynthia's letter of resignation from the CC.
- Marilyn said that if she is appointed to the CC, she would be willing to take over as the point person with KRHS regarding community service hours.
- George reported on different issues that have come before the Select Board. See the SB minutes for more information.

Action items:

Bruce will talk to Brooks Weathers regarding timber cut on Kinsley lot.

The meeting ended at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein Secretary