

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

Members Present: Bruce Allen, Marla Binzel, Emily Cleaveland, Patricia Allen-shaw (Alternate) and George McCusker (Selectmen's Rep). Bruce asked Patricia to serve as a voting member for this evening's meeting.

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of 6/2/19 were approved as written.

**Town Lots:**

Collins Park –

Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-4 p.m. was selected as the next work session for the Collins Park project

Marla will meet out at the Collins lot with Peter Abair to discuss what tasks his crew might be able to (time permitting) to assist the Commission with the project.

Laminated signs have been put out from the parking lot at the Cemetery, along the logging road and up the power line to assist people in finding the Kinsley Loop Trail. A laminated sign has also been placed at the trailhead.

**Outreach:**

Plans for the booth at Old Home Day:

Both the Cemetery Commission and ASLPT have asked the Commission to provide space for brochures that they would like to have available for distribution at OHD.

Bruce will be bringing a table, tent, the Commission's signs, and the Northern Bayberry plants that he obtained from the State Nursery and potted up.

Marla picked up a table and chairs from Daphne, as well as the poster about invasive species. She will bring additional chairs, the Invasive Species Identification booklets, the laminated topo map showing where the Kinsley Loop Trail is, and handouts about the Loop Trail.

Tim has contacted Bruce and volunteered to be at the booth from 9:30-11. Bruce, Patricia and Marla will be available most of the day to be at the booth. George will be present as his schedule permits, as he is slated for several other functions during the day.

**Communication and Miscellaneous:**

Bruce received an email from Susan Chiarella regarding the beaver activity that is flooding the area where Jones Road and Rt 114 come together. Jones Road is a town road and part of the SKRG trail. The Greenway Committee was wondering if we had any idea about how to remedy the problem. The Commission's discussion centered on the fact that the town doesn't maintain Class VI roads, any action in a wetland would require DES permitting, and the Commission wouldn't have the funding to pursue the 'Beaver Deceiver' that Susan mentioned in her email. It was agreed that the Commission would be willing to point SKRG in the right path if they want to contact DES, and would be willing to assist at some point in the future if a plan were approved and funded by SKRG. It was also mentioned that this area might coincide with a snowmobile trail, and if so, the club might be interested in getting involved with solving the issue. Marla will convey this info to Susan.

Marla briefed the Commission on a recent LSPA Watershed Water Quality Community Advisory Panel Meeting she attended. She shared one of the slides presented, which broke down the Lake Sunapee Watershed into the sub-watershed components. This diagram shows the phosphorus levels in the bodies of water that feed the watershed, including a number in Springfield (McAlvin Pond, Star Lake, Baptist Pond, etc.). There was a discussion about the elevated level of phosphorous in many of these bodies of water, and if there was anything that the Commission could do to play a role in the remediation of this problem. Marla indicated that there is another LSPA community advisory committee that is identifying and prioritizing specific trouble spots in the watershed for the purposes of LSPA grant writing activity. She will communicate the Commission's willingness and interest in following up on the elevated P levels in sub-watersheds in Springfield to LSPA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted by Marla Binzel