

Memorial Building

7:00 p.m.

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

Members Present: Bruce Allen, Marla Binzel, Ken Jacques, Daphne Klein and George McCusker (Selectman's Rep).

Others present: Ken Fraser.

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

Minutes: The minutes of 4/5/18 were approved as written.

Town Lots: The Commission continued discussions about the possibility of a potential timber sale on the Royal Arch and Society lots. Ken Jacques indicated that his research suggests that the last cut up there probably pre-dated the creation of the Dutchman Pond Association. The Commission discussed that a possible access route for the timber harvest might be via Jud Lawson's property, if he were amenable to this. Daphne is going to check with Janet Roberts about the final report from the timber sale from the Kinsley lot, as a copy is not in the Commission's file.

Outreach:

- The annual Green-Up Day will be Saturday May 5th from 9-11
- 250th Activities – The Rubber Duck race was a great success, raising \$2000. The next event is the Classical Guitar Concert on May 17th.
- Old Home Day – Bruce picked up seedlings at the State Nursery that will be given out at the booth. Daphne offered to prepare some information and visuals about invasive plants. Marla is going to prepare a PDF flyer with a trail map for the new Kinsley trail, and hopefully 2 additional trails (possibly one on the Brooks lot, and one additional trail that is already present in Springfield).
- Based on problems with recurring littering on the Kidder Brook Trail, Ken suggested that any trail guides that the Commission prepares for trails that we create should include a strongly worded statement indicating that access to the trails will only remain available as long as people respect the land and do not leave behind any traces of their visit.

Communications and miscellaneous: Bruce contacted the State Association of Conservation Associations about the procedures for changing the size of the commission. Further research needs to be done on the wording of the article that created the Commission.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to ask the Selectmen to appoint Ken Fraser to the Commission as a full member.

Action Items:

Daphne will check with Janet about the Final Report for the timber sale at the Kinsley lot and also about the Charter of the Conservation Commission, specifically when and how it was formed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by Marla Binzel