

**Conservation Commission
Memorial Building**

**January 5, 2012
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 7:03 p.m. by Cynthia Bruss.

Members present: Bob Ruel, Cynthia Bruss, Daphne Klein, Bruce Allen, Ken Jacques, Jane Seekamp. Absent: Todd Richardson. Also present: Leigh Callaway (Selectman representative), John Trachy

The minutes of 12/1/11 were unanimously approved.

Election of Officers: Ken made a motion, seconded by Daphne, that the CC elect the following officers to serve in 2012:

Chair: Bruce Allen
Vice Chair: Bob Ruel
Treasurer: Ken Jacques
Secretary: Daphne Klein

The motion passed unanimously. Bruce then took over from Cynthia as chair.

Town Lots: Cynthia presented a draft of a proposed forest management plan for the Brook lot. Several changes were suggested; Cynthia will bring a revised version to the next meeting.

Outreach: There was interest in organizing a winter hike, open to the public, to the Brook lot in March. This could be on a weekend to look for tracks if there is snow on the ground or it could be a night-time full moon hike. (Full moon is Thursday, March 8.) This will be discussed further at next meeting.

Budget: After some discussion, Cynthia made a motion, seconded by Jane, that the CC ask the Select Board to present a warrant article at town meeting to allocate \$7,000 to cover the costs of deed research and surveying needed to establish the boundaries of the town owned lot that abuts the Knowlton lot in the northeast corner of town. The motion passed unanimously. Bruce will go to the next Select Board meeting to discuss this matter with them.

Miscellaneous:

- Leigh will notify Bruce when the paperwork for the reappointments of Jane, Todd, and Daphne is ready.
- CC members and others in town have been receiving emails from "Springfield Conservation News." Because the individual sending the emails is not on the Conservation Commission, he was asked to use a different email address to avoid possible confusion.
- There was a short discussion of what to include in the CC's annual report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein
Secretary