

Tunbridge Conservation Commission — July 20, 2020  
Tunbridge Library Lawn

DRAFT Meeting Notes

In Attendance: Betsy Gaiser, Maureen McCullough, Sue Salster, Lydia Flanagan, Ellen Hosford, Eliza Minucci, Aaron Weed, Jim Ludwig (tree warden)

6/16/20 meeting notes approved

Wildflowers: Eliza has established and posted wildflower pictures on a Facebook page. Page has had some responses from community members.

Ellen will call Geoff Hansen to discuss whether or not it makes sense to develop a folder on the Conservation Commission town website page.

Whippoorwills: People on Ordway Road now aware of whippoorwills in their neighborhood and how rare they are.

First Branch clean-up: Rodney Hoyt will provide a truck and a person to pick up tires removed from the First Branch. Ongoing discussion about how to dispose of the tires. Betsy will talk with Rudi and set a date in August for the First Branch clean-up. Stay tuned!

Falls Hill legal trail use update: There have been complaints about logging operation using the legal trail. It is an ancient road and designated a legal trail by the town of Tunbridge.

The county forester, David Paganelli, said we have an obligation to protect town trails.

Discussion about link Jim Ludwig sent regarding trees and roads. Also referenced Voluntary Guidelines for landowners...Forestry VT...in our effort to educate ourselves.

This is an educational process for everyone from the town select board to conservation commission and other town committees, to private foresters directing loggers landowners and more...We all need to look at these situations...

Betsy has secured a place for the conservation commission to do a zoom meeting with the select board on July 28th. Aaron Weed will represent the Conservation Commission at that meeting. Letters are being sought from different groups and individuals in town who use the legal trails and/or have an investment in the forests, trails, roads and overall quality of life in the town.

Adjourned

Several members of Conservation Commission went over to the trail and walked up to the high point after the meeting including Eliza Minucci, Aaron Weed, Ellen Hosford, and Betsy Gaiser.