

Minutes of the Burke Conservation Commission meeting

October 19, 2016

Present: Sue Leskin, Elise Lawson, Cathie Wheeler, Ric Prescott, Hank Butler, Chris Manges, Joan Harlowe

September minutes were approved.

Resignation: Michelle Green has resigned as she is on two other conservation commissions and hasn't enough time for a third. We thank her for her service.

Nature Trail: Ric and Elise replaced the missing posts and Ric found the one missing number and replaced it.

Tree planting. Hank attended a Selectboard meeting and sites for the trees were decided. Mulch has been delivered. On Thursday, 10/20, Ric will use his backhoe to dig holes. Joan will take before and after pictures. On Friday, the 21st, 20 trees (red and sugar maple) will be delivered. As many Commission members as can make it will be there to plant, with help from students from Burke Town School and East Burke School. Shovels and rakes will be useful. The town water truck will be available in the cemetery. The trees will need about 10 gallons/tree/per week until ground freezes. Rick Hackett, the cemetery sexton may help with watering. Hank will get stakes for the trees.

Programs with Burke Mountain Clubhouse. Doug Clarner would like to work with the CC on a series of nature-related programs to be held at the Clubhouse, possibly one each season. Elise will talk with Doug about doing a November program. At the November meeting we will discuss other possible speakers. I

Annual Report. Joan will draft a report. Chris and anyone else who has photos of our activities can bring them to the Nov. meeting.

Next meeting; November 16.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Harlowe