

Town of Burke
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the November 2019 Meeting

Present: Elise Lawson, Ric Prescott, Cathie Wheeler, Joan Harlowe
Absent: Chris Manges, Kevin Mack

Minutes of October meeting were approved.

Public Programs:

Matt Langlais spoke on Emerald Ash Borers. This invasive species is in Vermont and is deadly for black ash and a danger to white ash. We need to inventory town roads. We will have a training in April to teach volunteers how to recognize ash trees. Matt has a friend who uses a drone identify ash trees when they are in leaf. Possible use of a Tiny Grant?

Ann Lawless is confirmed for January 29, at the Community Center. We will ask Mary Jane Morin at the clubhouse to help publicize the talk.

Land Conservation:

Elise attended a webinar at which Act 171 was discussed . Act 171 is designed to help towns plan to avoid forest fragmentation, to keep wildlife corridors open. Ric will find out more about Act 171.

Pete's Pond: Elise is writing grants to possible funding foundations. The land owner hasn't replied to letters, so we will ask the realtor if the owner would consider donating the property to the town. We will have information available at town meeting in the hope that people may want to see the area conserved.

Next meeting': January 14, 2020.

Respectfully submitted
Joan Harlowe