

## **Draft Minutes of the May 2016 Conservation Commission meeting**

**Present:** Cathie Wheeler, Mark Maghini, Elise Lawson, Sue Leskin, Kevin Mack , Hank Butler, Michelle Green, Chris Manges, Joan Harlowe

**Minutes of the April meeting** were approved.

**Tree planting:** Hank has not yet heard whether or not the grant was approved.

The Nature Conservancy is working to propagate American elms resistant to Dutch elm disease. Joan will contact the conservancy about a healthy elm on her property.

**Summer nature programs.** We looked into programs offered by the Fairbanks Museum, NEK Audubon, and Northwoods. Audubon scholarship recipients have already been identified for this summer but there are nature camps at the Fairbanks and Northwoods. Cathie and Sue will find out if there are students who would benefit from some subsidy. We have \$300 to subsidize attendance for one one or more students. Joan will find the deadline for 2017 Audubon applications.

**Greenup Day** Michelle reported that the day went well , with 100 bags given out and used. We agreed to arrange for 2 banners, West Burke and East Burke to publicize the day in advance in future years.

She proposed that a tally sheet be handed out at the beginning of the school year on which students would record trash they see along the roads, as a means of increasing awareness and concern.

**Other business:** For the annual report, we could include a report of forest acreage in Burke and forests' relationship to pollution control, flood control, rainfall regulation based on a information provided by the Nature Conservancy.