

**Burke Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes of the July 20,2016 meeting**

Present: Hank Butler, Joan Harlowe, Elise Lawson, Sue Leskin, Kevin Mack, Ric Prescott, Cathie Wheeler

Absent: Michelle Green, Chris Manges

Minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Welcome and thanks: Sue Leskin, chair pro tem, welcomed Ric Prescott as a returning member of the commission. Mark Maghini stopped in briefly to say good-bye and Sue thanked him for his service.

Tree grant Hank reported that the Commission has received a grant of \$1000 from the Forest and Parks Department to plant trees. We discussed possible locations, as well as numbers and sizes of trees. Hank will ask for the Selectboard to approve planting up to 28 trees at the Darling Park playground with advice from consultants . Ric offered the use of his backhoe.

Dam removal Ron Rhodes met with an engineer, Hank and Joan, at the dam. The engineer will assess the rate at which sediment can be safely removed. Sue will ask Ron to let us know when he would like members to accompany him to meet with abutters.

Nature camp funding: The Selectboard agreed to give \$300 to the Burke Outdoor Club to help pay for several Burke Town middle school students to attend a fall canoe trip planned with the Northwoods Stewardship Center.

Joan will find the deadline for applications for the NEK Audubon summer camp for 2017.

Nature Trail Joan will ask Priscilla to reprint 100 copies of the brochure.

Next Meeting: August 17.