

**Town of Burke  
Minutes of the July 22, 2020 meeting  
of the Conservation Commission**

Meeting was held via zoom.

**Present:** Elise Lawson, Chris Manges, Cathy Wheeler, Kevin Mack,  
Guests: Lindley van der Linde, Mike Harris

**June minutes** were approved.

**Emerald Ash Borer:** On June 17 Matt Langlais, Caledonia County forester, trained the commission on identifying ash trees. Joanne Garton from FPR sent links to the state site. On June 25 the commission inventoried ash trees on Darling Hill and Burke Green Roads from the Lyndon to Newark town lines. We noted the trees' size, condition and the probable effect to traffic if a tree fell in the road.

Matt Clark, of Whiteout Solutions, will do the same inventory using a drone, the first or second week of August. Elise will send a link to Commission members so we can view and download data collected.

This is a pilot study. We will compare the information from the on foot inventory to inventory by drone to see if it will be useful to the town in anticipating EAB damage.

**Pete's Pond**

Mike will convey our interest in conserving the area to the DRB and Planning Board. Is there a permitting process underway?

**Working with other boards:** Mike will send our minutes to the other boards and their minutes to us.

**Scholarship:** Voted to use \$350 to support a Burke Student attending a NorthWoods/Burke Mt sponsored bike camp this summer.

**Nature Trail**

Elise has posted the brochure on google drive with some editing. If all approve the editing we will ask for 100 new brochures and Joan will refill the kiosk at Darling Park.

Ric plans to replace some posts on Tuesday, July 25th at 9:00 am.

**Trees planted at the park** Ric has replaced several dead trees. Mike will check on getting water to trees.

Ideally trash containers near the playground would be bear proof, but that may have cost limitations.

**Next meeting;** August 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm.... outdoors if possible location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Harlowe