

Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2020, 6:00pm  
Outside at Darling Park, East Burke

**Present:** Cathie Wheeler, Ric Prescott, Kevin Mack, Chris Manges, Elise Lawson

**Absent:** Joan Harlowe

**Minutes** from July, 2020 were approved with changes made last month

**Ash Tree Inventory:** Drone work by Whiteout Solutions will happen tomorrow, August 20, 2020 along the same area where we completed ground work in June. (Darling Ridge area, starting at 9:00 am). We will compare the results from the drone work to our on-the-ground inventory and decide how to move forward from here. There are grants offered by the State of VT to help with the removal of ash trees along roadways.

**Nature Trail Brochures:** Cathie found one error which Elise will fix. We discussed trying to get some small weather-proof signs along the trail rather than printing out brochures. Save paper and not have to worry about re-printing or the need to carry a brochure. We will consider applying for a grant - possibly the KT mini grant.

**Darling Park Maple trees and nature trail posts** - Ric and Elise replaced some of the posts that were rotting along the nature trail. Most were still in good shape. Ric found a couple of trees nearby which we will transplant to replace a couple that are dying in the park.

**Scholarship** - The summer scholarship for a Burke student (summer camp) has been completed and paid. Cathie asked Maria of Northwoods to send some photos and a note from the student.

**Slate of Officers** - To be discussed at the next meeting.

Next meeting, September 16, 2020 at 6pm. We plan on meeting outdoors again, weather dependent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elise Lawson on behalf of Joan Harlowe