

**Town of Burke
Meeting of the Burke Conservation Commission
September 18, 2019**

draft minutes

Present: Elise Lawson (chair), Ric Prescott, Joan Harlowe Chris Manges, Kevin Mack

Approved: July minutes and August notes .

Public Programs:

Fall: Matt Langlais will speak on the emerald ash borer on October 23 at 6:00pm in the Burke Community Center. Chris will ask Matt for a summary of the talk, and we will promote the talk on Front Porch Forum, through the conservation commissions in nearby towns, on the Burke website, and with the help of Mary Jane at the Burke Clubhouse .

Winter: Ann Lawless of the Heat Squad will speak on energy audits. Cathie will arrange a winter date with her, perhaps in late January.

File for promotion events: Chris and Elise will create a file with all the promotional avenues to have it available for future events. Chris suggested that Keara Kresser, who is knowledgeable about social media, such as Facebook and the Burke Area Community Forum, is willing to help the commission with promotion. She will be invited to join the commission.

Scholarship: Cathie received a thank you card with many photos from the leaders of the bike camps which were run by the NorthWoods Stewardship Center and Burke Mountain. The BCC helped support two Burke Town School students so they could attend the introduction to mountain biking camp this summer.

Pete's Pond: There has been a price drop from \$99,000 to \$75,000. Elise will pursue grant funding possibilities, and will need letters of support from schools and the Select Board.

Guest: Barbara Chapman came to the meeting briefly to explain that during the years she lived on Martha's Vineyard, she knew of a program called Land Banking in which 2% of any land sale is given to the town so they can gather money for purchasing land to conserve.

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Nature Trail: the brochures are restocked and all the numbers are in place on the posts. Ric will label the posts with bright colors to clarify where the trail goes, is criss crossed by several bike trails.

Next meeting: October 16.