

**Town of Burke
Conservation Commission**

Minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting, held in Darling Park

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

New member, Lindley van der Linde, was unable to attend.

August minutes: approved.

Emerald Ash Borer: Matt Clark surveyed Darling Hill Road by drone. He will meet with the BCC via Zoom on Wednesday Sept. 23 at 6pm to report his findings. Mike Harris told us that there is an ash tree removal grant possibility. We will not seek that funding at this time.

Nature Trail: Elise will Email the updated brochure to the town, and have 100 printed. Joan will fill the rack for the last time this year. Lindley will will work with her class from BTS to find ideas more child friendly than the current brochure.

Officers: Elise will remain as Chair, Chris as treasurer, and Kevin will take over as secretary.

Scholarship: Cathie reported that she received a thank you note for our Summer camp scholarship.

Land conservation possibilities: 60 acres are for sale on White School Road. Elise was told that it is already under contract. Ric reported that his 119 acres on Pinkham Rd is for sale, and already conserved with the Vermont Land Trust. We will explore the possibility of purchasing but will be careful to avoid conflict of interest. (???)