

**Conservation Commission Meeting, Via Zoom
July 16, 2020**

Minutes taken by Ruth Gutman

Present at the meeting were members:

John Bozak, Ruth Gutman, George Main, Dan Blanchette, Ed Cheever

The meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order by John via Zoom at 6:34 PM.

Minutes from the June 18 meeting were approved via email.

New members?

We can have as many as 7 members, and need at least 3. We will think about whom we may want to invite to join us, or consider having some associate members.

Gully Oven

John went by. The downed tree still needs to be cleaned up, but there was no trash.

Nesbitt Pond Signage

John came up with language. Eli (the Eagle Scout candidate) approved it, and so do we.

Recycling

Commission members would like to find out if there are feasible ways of bringing recycling back to our town. Ed will contact the town to see if there is anything afoot, and Ruth will follow up on the hearsay that South Berwick has a successful recycling program and do some other research.

Program Ideas

There was some interest in hosting an outdoors, socially distanced invasive species educational walk in late summer early fall. What locations would be good? Hobbs Farm would be ideal, but is there somewhere in Lebanon?

Review of Lebanon Conservation Commission Responsibilities & Future Direction

We reviewed Maine statutes regarding conservation commissions. We also discussed the March 27, 1993 Lebanon Wetlands Conservation Ordinance, and that special use permits and appeals should involve the Conservation Commission. Our focus has been Gully Oven, the Community Forest, and Nesbitt Pond (which we share responsibility for with the Planning Board). There are other town-owned lands to explore. Also, do we want to come up with a mission statement?

August 20 will be our next meeting date, via Zoom.

The meeting came to a close at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Gutman