

**Jackson Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**DRAFT until approved**  
**July 1, 2019 5:30 PM, Town Office**

Members present: Mike Dufilho, Tom Seidel, Ken Kimball, Bill Terry, Brian Byrne, Pam Smillie

Hank Benesh filmed.

Minutes taken from July 1, 2019 film <http://www.jacksonflicks.com/jackson/conservation-commission/2019-con-commission/con-commission-712019.html>

**Review Minutes** - 2 months of minutes approved with correction of attendance: Brian attended May 2019 meeting.

**Prospect Farm** - knotweed is coming back at stump dump: discussion for safest and most effective ways to deal with small and large patches. Stump Dump patch is small: pull, pile, and burn. Other small patches in village: spot application of herbicide is effective. Some of the knot weed is growing in CC -managed areas. Other patches are growing outside of CC management areas. Mike stated that he recently attended a workshop on invasive plant species and that the plan presented there was to manage large patches with cutting and burning the cut stalks, eradicate small patches with herbicide over a 2-3 year period.

Questions to answer: Who is spraying herbicide for the town? If a professional is hired, pursue the possibility of having them spray at the Stump Dump.

Actions: Educate public, check with Pat Kelley, Road Agent, to get schedule of town spraying. Visit Stump Dump for photos of the site.

Further discussion regarding Forest Service stump dumping area and gravel pit and the town's at Prospect Farm and their impact on native species.

**Jackson Falls** -planting: soil has been delivered and bill arranged to go to town office. Pam and volunteers moved the pile - thank you, vols! Sod with native plants can be delivered when vols are in place. Long-term watering will be needed. Other supplies needed: peat moss and compost. Irrigation system or a hose from the brook. Source of wood chips is needed.

-overflow parking signs

-parking: overcrowding continues despite signs and availability of overflow parking.

Suggestions: temporary NO PARKING signs on sawhorses and more signs indicating overflow parking area.

-knotweed pulling at bench: CC will do - see below.

**Gray's Inn**

-no new info. Brian continues trail work. Mowing looks great! Still poison ivy - don't stray from trail.

**Written Procedures**

The town office has requested that each board submit their procedures so that continuity can be maintained as new members join boards. Tom will alert Julie to CC procedures around Agenda and Minutes, Wetlands Permits, Easements, following RSA for Conservation Commissions set by State of NH

**Stream Crossing Database**

Ken gave a brief overview that this includes monitoring culverts and whether they are built/maintained so that aquatic creatures can travel as needed up/down stream. More to be discussed when Jeff Sires is in attendance

**USFS / Wild & Scenic Grant**

Add this to next spring's agendas for possible funding next year.

**Conservation Easements**

Letters to alert landowners of annual monitoring were sent by town office. Tom will update the selectboard on the private landowner easement process.

**Wetlands**

No new info.

**Public Comment/New Business**

Thank you to NH DOT for the maps of their recent work in Jackson.

Citizen request for information regarding two points of Wild and Scenic designation:

One, requirement of water quality monitoring along the Wildcat River corridor. While the Forest Service does/should do this where the river crosses FS land, who is responsible in the village area? Mike suggests a partnership with JGS students to help with water quality monitoring. Two: Who is responsible to uphold the agreement for JSTF parking area on Carter Notch Rd to revert to wild flower field in the summer? CC will look into both questions.

**Meeting moves** to banks of Wildcat River near the Stone Bridge to deal with knotweed around a memorial bench as requested by donors.

As always, the public is encouraged to attend and share their vision for the use of Jackson town properties and other conservation priorities. Our meetings are typically at 5:30 PM at the town office building on the first Monday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Ross-Parent