

In attendance: Slim Spafford, Chair, Gina Rescigno, Vice-Chair, Cindy Carpenter, Ruth Gaffey, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

Minutes accepted with addition to Ray Blake in attendance at the March meeting (Rescigno/Spafford)

The discussion on recycling in Groton was continued. The Commission will request a meeting with the Select board to discuss ways to educate the public and to help with recycling by creating less waste and to eliminate contamination of the recycling stream. Ruth will email Sara with the request for the meeting at the Select board's convenience.

Cindy related that the Minot-Sleeper Library will be having a Repair Café and that we should look into it because that also reduces the recycling/waste load. Ruth will get the details when she is at the Library.

The 2019 meeting dates for the Conservation Commission are:

Jan 10/Feb 21/March 14/April 11/ May 9/ June 13/ July 18/ Aug 8/ Sept 12/

Oct 10/Nov 14/ Dec 12

Slim discussed the Fishing Derby which will be held on Saturday, June 1st Gina has made contact regarding the trophies and pins and will follow-up. Ruth raised the issue of the pond's health following the October 30, 2017 flood which greatly affected the area. She will call NRLA to ask if they can refer us to someone who will look at the property with us.

Slim has a friend who will provide sweatshirts or t-shirts that say "Town of Groton" on them for anyone who participates in the cleanup scheduled for Saturday, May 4th at 10:00 – noon with lunch to follow at the townhouse.

Slim Spafford received a letter from the Nature Conservancy that announced the Kimball Hill property was purchased and sold to New Hampshire Fish and Game. The Nature Conservancy will retain the conservation easement. The landlocked

Merrill lot which contains 100 acres adjacent to the Kimball Hill Property has also been purchased by Fish and Game.

Slim reported that he has received the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) and is currently reading through it. He will bring it to the next meeting for review.

Ruth discussed several workshops offered by NH Extension Service and NHACC Slim will attend the "Easement Monitoring for Volunteers" workshop on April 26th in Canterbury. Ruth will sign him up.

Slim and Gina will attend the "How to Lead a Nature Walk" program on Friday, June 28th at Squam Lakes Nature Center. Ruth will sign Slim up.

There is also a grant application for a local Bioblitz which Ruth will explore to see if Groton is eligible.

Submitted by

Ruth Gaffey