

**Members:** Carsten Springer (chairman), Bobby Loree, Jason Holder, Allan Hess, David Caillouette (alternate), Judi Cogswell (BOS representative)

**Called to Order:** @7:34PM and was televised and live streamed

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by those present.

**Review Minutes:** The minutes of the February 15, 2018 public minutes were reviewed and amended. A motion was made by Jason, seconded by Allan to accept the minutes as amended. Voting in the affirmative were Carsten, Bobby, Jason and Allan. Dave abstained. The motion passed. The minutes of the March 15, 2018 public minutes were reviewed. Dave made a motion to accept these minutes as written, Allan seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written.

The minutes of the non- public minutes of February 15, 2018 were reviewed. Allan made a motion to accept these minutes as written, seconded by Bobby. The minutes were accepted as written.

**Old Business:** The update regarding tree tags is delayed due to the absence of Ed Lang from the meeting. Allan reported he will pick up the purchased mower in the next month. Carsten reported he can donate one of his trailers to pick up the mower.

**New Business:** The terms of two CC members, Bobby and Patty, are up for renewal. Both have submitted the paperwork for renewal. Patty submitted a letter asking that Ed Lang become a full time member and she will assume his alternate seat. Carsten checked with Ed who is ok with this. Carsten made a motion, seconded by Jason to recommend to the BOS that they reappoint Patty as a CC member. David suggested that they vote on both applications together. Hearing no further discussion a vote was taken to recommend Bobby as a full time member and Patty as an alternate. The vote was unanimous. Carsten signed the form to be forwarded to the Board of Selectman (BOS) noting "they were excellent members, please reappoint". Someone reminded the chair that the vote for Bobby needed to be re taken because he should not vote for himself. Jason made a motion, seconded by David, to ask the BOS to reappoint Bobby to the CC. Carsten, Jason, Allan and Dave voted in the affirmative with Bobby abstaining. The motion passed.

Spring work at the Sanborn Family Agricultural and Recreational Commons (SFARC) was discussed. Carsten reported he and Bobby grafted 7 more trees last week. There were of the Cortland and Mutsu variety. He continued to explain that some of the trees grafted last year did not take. So they were cut down lower and grafted again. Last year there was an almost a 90% success rate. The hope is this year will be better because they got the cuttings 2 or three weeks earlier. There are about 25 or 30 trees ready to be planted. To prepare for the planting, fencing is needed up there and tubes for around the trees. Six or eight feet of fencing is needed for a tree. Carsten noted he saw a premade fence in a catalog with spikes to keep critters away from the trees.

Carsten has spoken to East Coast Lumber (ECL) regarding purchasing materials for a shed to house the mower Allan is picking up. ECL is willing to help keep the cost down. The decision on the shed will be decided after they pick up the mower to see what size is needed. Pressure treated lumber is needed for the decking. Metal roofing would be nice. Carsten has lumber that he can donate. He would like it to look good because it is near an abutter. The town yard also has some telephone poles that the shed could be placed upon.

The chair asked Bobby to check with the Maine nursery to see if they have any cost effective apple trees. Bobby stated that in the catalog the cost is about \$30.00 a tree and they have a large variety. Carsten noted that different varieties allow for cross pollination. Excavating of stumps was also discussed. Carsten has pink spray to mark the rocks and stumps to be excavated. Allan made arrangements to bring an excavator to the SFARC. It was noted that ECL has been very helpful.

**Adjournment of Public Meeting:** At 7:56 PM Carsten asked for a motion to adjourn. Jason made the motion, seconded by David. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

### **MINUTES PREPARED BY MARY ANN DISTEFANO**

#### **Conservation Commission Clerk**

Amended and Approved on May 3, 2018 by majority of the Commission