## WEATHERSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES MARCH 26, 2020

**ATTENDING via ZOOM:** Howard Beach, Ellen Clattenburg, Cheryl Cox, Ryan Gumbart, Tyler Harwell (without a mic) Jeff Pelton, Heather Shand and Tina Wood

Meeting called to order at 7:15.

Minutes from February 27, 2020 were accepted, moved by Ellen and seconded by Howard.

**MEMBERS AND OFFICERS:** Those members whose terms expired in 2020 are:

Howard Beach—reappointed
Ellen Clattenburg—reappointed
Tyler Harwell—reappointed
Cheryl Cox—reappointed
Tina Wood—resigned (after 15 years)

SLATE of OFFICERS:
Heather Shand—Chair
Jeff Pelton—Vice Chair
Ryan Gumbart—Secretary
Roy Burton—Treasurer

Ryan Gumbart—new member

Ellen cast one ballot for the slate and Cheryl seconded. It was so voted.

**IN HARRY'S MEMORY:** Tyler had suggested that we name a trail for Harry Temple, a longtime member of the Con. Com. who died earlier this month. He specifically suggested a trail on Hawk's Mt. Tina bought up the fact that both existing trails are on privately owned land (Keniston and Whittemore). There is also the complication that it is the site of the B-29 crash and so is of interest to the military which forbids any removal of crash parts.

We all agreed that naming a trail for Harry is a great idea. It was suggested that perhaps a trail on the new Town Forest would be a good idea. Ellen will talk to Steve Aikenhead and Julie Wright, both active in Weathersfield's hiking trails.

Ellen will send a sympathy card to Harry's daughters, Tricia and Lisa.

**STREAM/BROOK NAMING PROJECT:** Jeff gave us an update on this project. He sent us charts in which he listed all of the streams in town and included other waterways such as falls, springs and fords. The Hist. Soc. will be helping to name & identify these waterways along with any historical information on their names.

**UVLT CONFERENCE:** Tina reported briefly on the conf. for Con. Com. on the topic of LIDAR (Light Detection And Ranging) which uses light to get elevation. Light pulses are shot to ground and as the pulse returns it is translated from time to distance. These distances are then put on a grayscale to show elevation and other features of the land.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** All coming events cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55. Next meeting date April 23, location TBA.

Respectfully submitted, Tina Wood