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**Selectboard:**  
Jeff Northgraves  
Walter Reitz  
John Spear

Conservation Commission Minutes  
Date: August 11, 2021, 5:00 PM  
Place: Municipal Building

**Conservation Commission Members Present:** Linda Garat, Andrew Stancioff, Catherine Bendheim, Theo Pratt, Sondra Wallace, Henry Spencer, Leslie Spear.  
**Others Present:** Terri-Lynn Baines, Selectboard Chair John Spear, Wes Pratt.

**I. Call to Order**

Baines called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**II. Adjustments to Agenda**

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

**III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda**

There was no public comment.

**IV. Administer Oath to Conservation Commission Members**

Baines administered the oath to the Conservation Commission Members.

**V. Orientation**

Baines explained the procedure for scheduling meetings, where and when agendas are posted. She also explained after the minutes are approved by the Conservation Commission a copy is sent to the Town Clerk to be archived at the Town Office and posted on the Town website.

Spear presented a brief overview of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

There was a brief discussion on donations to the Conservation Commission. Donations must be accepted by the Selectboard. The Treasurer of the Town is the Treasurer of the Conservation Commission.

**VI. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary**

Baines asked for nominations for Chair.

Stancioff moved and Garat seconded a motion to nominate Pratt.

There were no further nominations.

**Motion passed 6-0. Pratt Abstained.**

Baines asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Pratt nominated Bendheim. There was no second.

Bendheim moved and Stancioff seconded a motion to nominate Spencer.

There were no further nominations.

**Motion passed 6-0. Spencer Abstained**

Baines asked for nominations for Secretary

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Bendheim moved and Pratt seconded a motion to nominate Garat for Secretary. There were no further nominations.

**Motion passed 6-0. Garat Abstained.**

- VII. Other Business:** Pratt proposed a shoreline cleanup of the Weskeag in conjunction with the DEP, to be held on Sunday, September 5, from 3-5PM, after high tide. The meeting point would be the park next to the town landing. Bags would be provided, bottle deposit money will go to our new account, and the rest of the trash to the dump. Pratt stated that information regarding the cleanup should be posted on the town website. After the event, the Commission would report back to the DEP. All members were in favor and the motion passed 7-0.

The Commissioners received copies of correspondence from Annette Naegel and Matt Bonner, both representing Georges River Land Trust, describing opportunities for co-operation between our two groups and with other Conservation Commissions in our area.

- VIII. Schedule Future Meetings .** It was moved and seconded that future meetings be held at 5pm on the second Wednesday of each month beginning Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

- IX. Adjourn** It was moved and seconded that the meet be adjourned. Motion passed 7-0.