The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

Members Present: Rich Dionne, Leslie Bowen, Joe Pedro, Mike Scurka, Greg Devlin, and Michael Lamoureux

Members Absent: Cameron Genereux (excused)

Guests: Chase Zaricany, Mrs. Zaricany, Joseph Bachand, and Kate Bousquet

1. A motion was made and vote taken to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting.

    (Motion made by Greg Devlin; Seconded by Joe Pedro - passed unanimously)

2. Welcome new member Michael Lamoureux

3. **Nipmuc Trail:** Chase Zaricany reported that the first 2 bridges have been replaced. He plans to have the water bars and trail markers completed by November. He encountered underground bees between markers 12 and 13, receiving multiple stings. There seems to be a sizable hive in this area. He has not encountered any issues with abutting neighbors. Chase's last planned work day of the season is October 27th at 9AM, when he intends to install the wooden bench. He extended an invitation to the Conservation Commission members to attend and review his progress. At least 2 members are available to attend.

4. **Wallum Lake Canoe Launch:** The water level is 584.7. There is still quite a bit of use by kayakers. The area is staying clean of trash. Joe P. spotted a juvenile bald eagle in the area recently.

5. **Gateway:** Rich has made several attempts to contact Hope Leeson, the wildflower expert, but to date, she has not returned his calls.

6. **Clear River Canoe Launch:** No Report

7. **Invenergy:** No written decision has been released

8. Motion to pay $36 to Roots and Shoots for the Green Festival plant donation

    (Motion made by Greg Devlin; Seconded by Joe Pedro - passed unanimously)

9. **Other:** Joe Bachand and Kate Bousquet of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) gave a presentation on easement assistance programs available to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, while maximizing wildlife habitat benefits.

10. **Invoices/Mail:** None

11. **Adjournment:** 8:10 PM

    (Motion made by Greg Devlin; Seconded by Mike Scurka - passed unanimously)