



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Type:..... **Special Meeting**  
Date:..... **August 6, 2019**  
Time:..... **6:00 p.m.**  
Place:..... **Milton Community Room**  
Address:..... **43 Bombardier Road Milton, VT 05468**  
Contact:..... **(802) 893-1186**  
Website:..... **www.miltonvt.gov**

## MEETING MINUTES

*Dan Gaherty, Chair*

*Judith Kinner, Vice-Chair*

*Laurie DiCesare, Clerk*

*Bonnie Pease*

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Judith (Judy) at 6:18

### 2. Attendance

**Members Present:** Judith Kinner, Vice-Chair; Laurie DiCesare, Clerk; Bonnie Pease

**Members Absent:** Dan Gaherty, Chair

**Staff Present:** Kris Dulmer, Michael Burris

**Public Present:** None

### 3. Agenda Review

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

### 4. Public Forum

*The public may attend and be heard in accordance with Vermont's Open Meeting Law (1VSA312).*

### 5. Business

#### A. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB): Caring for Canopy Grant Updates:

Kris Dulmer has inventoried all the ash trees located on town roads, logging them as red (needing immediate attention), blue (in the town corridor or Town right-of-way); or green (others.) Kris will inventory town trails this week and talk with the State about compiling his data. South hero has many dead ash trees but so far no EABs have been found in Milton pheromone traps. Kris did locate seven nests of *Cerceris*, the wasp at the Lake Champlain Boat Launch in Georgia. This wasp preys on Emerald Ash and other borers but Kris found no evidence of EABs there.

#### B. Preparations for EAB Presentation on August 13, 2019:

Michael Burris said mailers have been sent to areas in town with high ash tree concentrations and those in the Town Core. Posts were also made to social media. The letter mentions an informational meeting on the EAB on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at the Town Office starting at 6:30 p.m. We will eventually need a Town ordinance that covers affected tree removals. The Caring for Canopy grant will help with these costs.

Judy noted that some affected trees may be in utility right-of-ways and therefore their responsibility. The State is responsible for trees within the Route 7 and Route 2 corridors.

Bonnie said we may need to treat the ash stumps to prevent re-growth. Kris said he may be able to do that. He is also available to apply EAB-preventive treatments to healthy ash trees.

Michael said Ginger Nickerson (UVM extension) and Ethan Tapper (Chittenden County Forrester) will give an overview of the problem, including how to identify insect signs, and answer questions. Bonnie