The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Allison Kerwin. Present were Allison Kerwin, David Drasba and Sonja Mucha.

BUDGET ___ Allison attended a recent Select Board meeting to defend the budget that Common Commission submitted in October. That budget included much very necessary tree work and purchase of new trees. The Select Board suggested that the Whitcomb Trust (stipulates that it is for all expenses related to the common) be used to cover the expenses relating to the proposed tree work.

Our proposed budget also included replacing 5-6 trees (at $300 each) plus tree watering bags (at $20 each). To that point the Select Board hadn’t yet come to a final decision about funding for same.

They took this opportunity to discuss with Allison that the light from the steeple of the meetinghouse isn’t lighting the flag pole as intended. Common Commission will follow up with possibly having the light repositioned or what may be necessary to correct the problem.

COMMON COMMISSION TERM ______ Sonja’s 3 year term is up with this meeting. Having served 8 years she isn’t filing for another term. She and Dave will follow through on seeking out a candidate to run. A candidate is required to file at the Town Hall between January 22 and January 31. Town election is Tuesday, March 10, 2020. The new commissioner will be sworn in at Town Meeting on March 13, 2020 and attend her/his first Common Commission meeting on March 19, 2020.

TREES____ Dave suggested Common Commission do a tree inventory wherein each tree on the common and Main Street would be identified by number, species, location. This would provide a quick, orderly record/history to serve as reference to pass on over the years.

We will meet next on March 19, 2020.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sonja Mucha