

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: February 8, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Darlene Jarvis, Drew Groves, Ron Jarvis
Alternates Present: Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mel Gendron, George Holt
Alternates Absent: Matt Lavey, Stan Sowle

MINUTES: January's minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Kimball Pond Conservation Area

Gating of Legache Hill Road

Brett met with the Selectmen on January 9, 2014. Les Hammond stated since Legache Hill Road has not been maintained it can be considered discontinued. The town owns both sides of the road so the town can gate and lock the road. The Selectmen need only to hold a public hearing to get input before they vote whether to gate and lock the road.

Possible timber harvest

On January 11, 2014 Brett St. Clair, Stan Sowle, and Drew Groves walked "treatment unit 3" with forester Ed White. Ed concluded that there was not much of value in that area but he would probably walk the area again at a later date. Stan Sowle was given the forestry management plan so that he may review it.

Limited appraisal status

Although it may be a while before Scot Heath is able to draft a limited appraisal, he promised to contact the resident who voiced an interest in placing a conservation easement on their land.

NEW BUSINESS:

Easement monitored

Matt Lavey and Margaret Watkins walked the North Woods easement. No violations were found and a monitoring report was filled out for future reference.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received - A note and donation in memory of local resident, Sylvia Bowman. Brett will thank the donors and have the money deposited in the Conservation fund.

Received- An email regarding the lack of off road parking at the Bela Brook Conservation Area. A local resident and his son enjoyed the snow covered trails recently but had to park on Grapevine Road. He suggested that the existing parking area be plowed. Brett will contact the Town's road agent to ask if that can be done next year.

NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2014, 7:30 PM

AGENDA:

Members needing to be sworn in (George, Brett, Mel and Stan)

NH Association of Conservation Commission dues

Kimball Pond camping policy and signage

Update on status of limited appraisal

Summer meeting schedule

Prioritize the following for 2014:

- Necessary signage at Purgatory pond

- Chan lot

 - Markers along boundaries

 - Establish trail

- Bela Brook Conservation Area

 - Clear trails

 - Mark trails

 - Create trail map

 - Engrave Jim's stone

 - Plan and hold dedication ceremony

- Kimball Pond Conservation Area

 - Support the gating of Legache Hill

 - Finish locating and marking boundary near power line in southern area

 - Update forestry plan

 - Create a map of the trails we consider part of the trail system

 - Pursue reclamation work in field (across from Scott Warriner)

 - Locate ROW at north end of the Great Meadows

- Dunbarton's 250th

 - Participation plan: hikes, parade float, etc.

Other business

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis