

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: July 10, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Jim Stone, Darlene Jarvis, George Holt, Ron Jarvis, Stan Sowle

Alternates Present: Drew Groves, Matt Lavey, Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mel Gendron

Alternates Absent: None

MINUTES: June's minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Signage update

Four milfoil signs are needed and George Holt will contact Amy Smagula from the Department of Environmental Services. Jim Stone and Matt Lavey will post Brett's NO ATV signs at Bela Brook Conservation Area (BBCA). Margaret Watkins will work to have the missing town policy signage replaced at the Kimball Pond Conservation Area (KPCA).

Possible wetlands violation update

George Holt reported that he contacted DES and spoke with Jason Aube from the Wetlands Bureau regarding the complaint filed pertaining to wetland impacts on Tom Giovagnoli's Twist Hill Road lot. Mr. Aube stated that the Conservation Commission (CC) need not check the site because the Bureau would be following up on the complaint. George, who serves on the Planning Board, explained that an appeal questioning the acceptance by the Planning Board of Mr. Giovagnoli's initial application was filed but that appeal has recently been withdrawn.

Conservation Commission goals for 2013/status

Darlene Jarvis contacted Line Comeau, Town Administrator, to learn how and where pertinent information on conservation properties is stored. George Holt stressed the importance knowing the exact location of each easement overseen by the CC. He also suggested several methods of retaining that info for our use.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kimball Pond Conservation Area

Boundary maintenance

Brett St. Clair discussed the need to repaint the blazes in the KPCA with blue paint that he has. Drew Groves stated that could repaint some if need be.

Request to bait bear

A Manchester resident contacted the Town to ask permission to bait black bear in the KPCA near Kimball Pond Road. After a brief discussion where members present voiced their concerns, the Commission agreed not to allow bear baiting in the conservation area.

NEXT MEETING: August 14, 2013, 7:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis