CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: March 14, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Jim Stone, Darlene Jarvis, Mel Gendron, Ron Jarvis, Stan Sowle
Alternates Present: Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: George Holt
Alternates Absent: Matt Lavey

MINUTES: February’s minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Timber cut pending on B4-L4-01

Darlene Jarvis reported that she drafted a letter to William Doucet regarding the easement Mary Story put on this lot in the 1970’s. The easement protects about 45 acres along Harry Brook and the abutting wetlands. A copy of the easement and a small map was sent to Mr. Doucet to remind him that no trees should be cut in the area under easement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Snowmobile trail at Kimball Pond

Representatives from the Bow Pioneers Snowmobile Club, Dan Weed, Craig Ott and Fred Mullen, met to discuss the current trail route. They explained that the state is urging clubs not to cross bodies of water. Currently their grooming machine stops at the east shore of the pond and must be transported to the west side to continue along the state’s corridor 11 trail. In discussing the possibility of continuing the trail south to Kimball Pond Road, Commission members voiced concerns that a trail to the road would invite more dumping and unauthorized motor vehicles use in a pristine area that has not had problems. Questions regarding the wording of the easement were posed and Brett St. Clair volunteered to contact the Office of State Planning’s Steve Walker. The topic will be revisited next month.

Conservation Commission membership

Drew Groves has been attending the Commission’s meetings and has been exploring the area around Kimball Pond for a number of years. Members present voted unanimously to make Drew an alternate on the Commission.

The terms for Ron Jarvis, Stan Sowle, and Margaret Watkins expire in 2012. Ron and Margaret both expressed an interest in remaining on the Commission.

Conservation Commission goals for 2013

Members began to assess the data on land overseen by the Commission to determine what information is on hand, etc. Members will continue to discuss the Commission’s goals at next month’s meeting.

NEXT MEETING: April 10, 2013, 7:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis