CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: March 14, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Jim Stone, Darlene Jarvis, Stan Sowle
Alternates Present: Matt Lavey, Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mel Gendron, George Holt, Ron Jarvis
Alternates Absent: None

MINUTES: February’s minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Kimball Pond Conservation Area (KPCA) Stewardship Plan

Members present reviewed the original plan that was drafted by Lexi Shear from the Trust for Public Lands and Ed White. In regards to updating the forestry sections of the plan, Conservation Commission (CC) members felt more information pertaining to the timber growth in the KPCA would be helpful.

Some actions proposed in the original plan have been completed while others have proven to be impossible or unrealistic. The attempt to gate Legache Hill Road had to be abandoned because it is a Class VI road. However, several of the small side trails off of it have been blocked off in an attempt to reduce dumping and other violations. Signing to control fires and camping in the area was posted but may need to be replaced due to vandalism. The boat launch should be checked to make sure milfoil information is still present. A few areas that were “open” are growing in over time such as the field across from the former Nassikas homestead. Members discussed the feasibility of getting it brushed out.

Brett St. Clair will draft an update of the plan for review at the Commission’s next meeting.

Loan to Kuncanowet Town Forest and Conservation Area Management Committee (KTFCA)

Brett St. Clair will ask that an invoice be issued in order to have $400 moved from the KTFCA’s maintenance account to the CC’s Conservation fund to pay back the Commission.

Walk of the Month

Earlier this year Margaret Watkins volunteered to lead a hike after a fresh snowfall. Since the ground is still bare, she proposed leading a walk in April or May to locate and identify wildflowers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Partnering with local law enforcement

Brett St. Clair will invite the new Chief of Police to the next CC meeting. This will enable the Commission to meet Chief Sklut and discuss conservation areas in town that require monitoring to limit violations.
CORRESPONDENCE:

Memo from Town Administrator Line Comeau dated 2/29/12 – $1200 will be deposited in the Conservation fund (2011 current use change tax)

NEXT MEETING: April 11, 2012, 7:30 PM

AGENDA:

Dunbarton Police Chief Daniel Sklut
Kimball Pond Stewardship Plan
Status of the Chan’s gift of land
Moose Point Road lot (Flintlock Farms)
Other business

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis