CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: May 9, 2012

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

Alternates Present: Matt Lavey, Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mel Gendron

Alternates Absent: None

MINUTES: April’s minutes were accepted

Public hearing to discuss cutting and trimming of trees on Dunbarton’s scenic roads

A Public Service Company of NH arborist, Brian Salas, was present for the public hearing which was duly noticed in accordance with RSA 231:158. He answered a number of questions from residents Leo and Gail Martel, road agent Jeff Crosby and Conservation Commission (CC) members. After concerns were addressed the Commission unanimously approved a motion to allow PSNH to cut and trim trees along the Town’s scenic roads.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kimball Pond Stewardship Plan

Brett St. Clair updated the plan and provided each Conservation Commission (CC) member with a link to view the draft. Brett will make suggested changes before May 16th and submit the plan for approval at that time.

Access to Bela Brook Conservation Area (former Meisner lot)

Having contacted Town Administrator Line Comeau, Margaret Watkins explained that the decision to gate the old Meadow Lane access off of Tenney Hill Road can only be made by the Selectmen. Brett St. Clair volunteered to see that the two abutting landowners meet with the Selectmen to ask them to approve the gating of the roadway.

Wetlands permit (Robert Rogers Road)

George Holt visited the site. The Department of Environmental Services is handling the violation and may fine the landowner. George recommended that no action be taken by the Commission at this time.

Moose Point Road access (Flintlock Farm)

On April 17th, Matt Lavey, Mel Gendron, and Ron Jarvis hiked east to the Kimball Pond Conservation Area from town owned land which abuts Moose Point Road. Although the southern boundary of the lot crosses several wet areas, they found the lot is made up of varied and suitable terrain for a trail. Brett
asked if the same members would work to pinpoint a route for a walking path from the development to the power line.

NEW BUSINESS:

Retention and storage of minutes/various other documents

Members discussed what information needs to be kept and for how long. Ron Jarvis volunteered to contact the Town administrator to ask what is required.

Possible Lyme disease lecture

Brett St. Clair stated that Dr. Gao from the Department of Health and Human Services will likely be available in June to give a talk on Lyme disease. Brett will work with the library to co-sponsor Dr. Gao’s lecture.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, May 12, 2012 – Wildflower walk, 9:30 AM, Kuncanowet Town Forest and Conservation Area, meet in the parking area at the trail head (Holiday Shore Drive)

June 13, 2012 – Kimball Pond Conservation Area “Clean up”/Dam work (working Commission meeting), meet at 5 PM (or as soon afterwards as possible) at the boat launch. Come prepared to pick up trash, etc.

NEXT MEETING: June 13, 2012, 5:00 PM at the boat launch on Kimball Pond

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis