

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

DATE: November 13, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Darlene Jarvis, Mel Gendron, Drew Groves, George Holt, Ron Jarvis

Alternates Present: Matt Lavey, Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Alternates Absent: Stan Sowle

MINUTES: October's minutes were accepted

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **GATING OF LEGACHE HILL ROAD**

As the result of some research it has come to light that the road can be discontinued, given trail status, or gated but not locked. Members agreed that in order to curtail dumping the Conservation Commission (CC) needs to pursue having the Town discontinue the road. Further support for this action needs to be sought from Rangeway Road residents. Margaret Watkins volunteered to work towards contacting those residents.

#### **TRAIL WORK**

Members agreed that trail markers should be selected and ordered. Some will be needed on the trail the Commission intends to create on the 42(+/-) acres gifted to the Town by the Chans. Suitable markers are also needed to better delineate the trails in the Bela Brook Conservation Area before the trail dedication to Jim Stone in the spring.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **TRAPPING PERMIT SIGNED**

Bill Miles met with the Commission to answer any questions members had regarding his methods and the various species and numbers of animals taken in each of the conservation areas managed by the Commission. Bill produced very detailed records going back many years and agreed to meet with the CC again next October. Brett signed Bill's trapping permit.

#### **REQUEST TO TRAP ON THE STORY EASEMENT**

The Commission was contacted regarding permission for Eric Dulude to trap the Story easement on the Doucet lot. In response Ron and Darlene Jarvis walked the easement and determined beaver activity is impacting only a small area in the easement itself near Black Brook Road. Bill Miles stated that, at the Town's request, he has already set traps to control the beavers and ensure that the road and culvert are

not affected. Brett will contact Mr. Dulude and explain the CC's decision not to grant him permission to trap the easement.

Ron confirmed that the bounds of the Story easement are currently well marked with freshly painted blazes.

#### KIMBALL POND CONSERVATION AREA (KPCA)

#### Tasks to be undertaken in 2014

##### *Mapping/Trails*

Brett St. Clair reported on his meeting with representatives from the Department of Resources and Economic Development. They would like the Commission to produce a map of the KPCA but did not urge the CC to allow the Bow Pioneers to put in a new section of snowmobile trail to avoid crossing the pond.

##### *Forestry Management*

Brett discussed Forest Legacy's expectations regarding forest management in the KPCA. The Commission agreed that Brett should contact local forester Ed White to ask if he is able to meet with the CC. Brett stated that Ron Klemarczyk is willing to discuss forest management with the Commission if Ed White is unable to do so.

NEXT MEETING: December 11, 2013, 7:30 PM

#### AGENDA:

Status of deed filing for gifted Chan lot

Review the forestry plan for KPCA (sent to members to read prior to December's meeting)

Other business

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis