

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: September 11, 2013

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

Alternates Present: Drew Groves, Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Alternates Absent: Matt Lavey

Commission members met at the Bela Brook Conservation Area trail head at 5:30 PM. Brett St. Clair led a brief meeting prior to members disbanding to better trim the trail which was recently established along Bela Brook. The trail takes hikers past an area where an old mill once operated and along a sluiceway that transported water needed for the mill's wheel.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kimball Pond Conservation Area (KPCA)

Boundaries

Drew Groves reported on the status of his extensive efforts to refresh the blazing and signage along the boundaries of the KPCA. Currently only the westernmost bounds on the area south of the pond need to be signed and blazed. Drew stated that some of the boundaries in the southern areas were tricky to locate. He described the area south of Kimball Road and west of Montelona Road as very suitable for a trail system. Drew observed the Dunbarton Police Department regularly patrolling the area.

Kimball Pond dam

Brett St. Clair reported that the dam inspector for DES clarified what actions the Commission should take. He stated that an area 15 feet from the dam in all directions should be kept clear and pointed out a tree growing on the bank that should be cut. The tree is about 10 inches in diameter.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 12, 2013 - Public hearing regarding the acceptance of a lot (off Gile Hill Road) gifted by the Chan family to the Town

NEXT MEETING: October 9, 2013, 7:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis