CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: October 11, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Drew Groves, Darlene Jarvis, Ron Jarvis, Stan Sowle
Alternates Present: Matt Lavey, Margaret Watkins
MEMBERS ABSENT: George Holt
Alternates Absent: None

MINUTES: September’s minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Kimball Pond Conservation Area (KPCA)

Joe Milano/senior project

Drew Groves told the Commission that Joe is considering which tasks to undertake in the Kimball Pond Conservation Area for his senior project. Joe feels he could construct a foot bridge at the northern end of Legache Hill Road or he may elect to do some trail maintenance. Members were not opposed to using money from the conservation fund for the purchase of materials if Joe decides to build a bridge. Joe is required to interview someone as part of his project. Brett St. Clair suggested that Margaret Watkins be the one to speak with Joe and she agreed to do so.

Safety issues during hunting season

Drew Groves voiced his concerns regarding duck hunters shooting near the east side loop. The trail is enjoyed by many hikers. After some discussion members concluded that common sense dictates that hikers wear orange at this time of the year. Brett St. Clair said he would remind people to do so on the Commission’s web site.

Botnick barn/riding arena update

The structure will be built closer to Kimball Pond Road than originally thought in order to meet Planning Board requirements. The horse turnouts will now be behind the building and the parking area on the north side will be larger than first discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual monitoring of Kimball Pond Conservation Area

Brett St. Clair has been in contact with Stephen Walker, Director of the Conservation Land Stewardship Program. Brett has sent him the map drafted by George Holt. The map indicates the location of the new section of
snowmobile trail built by the Bow Pioneers Snowmobile Club. Steve wishes to schedule the annual monitoring walk after the leaves are off the trees. Stan Sowle agreed to show Steve the newly timbered area to the south of Kimball Pond Road.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, November 4, 2017 – Dave Butler will lead an interpretive walk in the Kimball Pond Conservation Area. Hikers should meet at 9:00 AM at the boat launch on Kimball Pond Road.

NEXT MEETING: November 8, 2017, 7:30 PM

AGENDA:

Eversource Transmission ROW Reliability Project (Kurt Nelson, Eversource; Lee Carbonneau, Normandeau Associates)
Joe Milano/proposed senior project
Kimball Pond dam/water level
Easement monitoring-Taylor easement (Botnick), Story easement
Interpretive hike (KPCA)
Other business

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis