

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: October 14, 2015

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

Alternates Present: Matt Lavey, Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Alternates Absent: None

MINUTES: September's minutes were accepted

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Monthly "Dunbarton Wonder" hikes

On September 19<sup>th</sup> Margaret Watkins led approximately 10 people on a walk to the site where Dunbarton's earliest settlers, the Rogers and Putney families, settled. The group then explored the well preserved Whipple cellar hole located in the Kimball Pond Conservation Area.

#### Stonehurst Farm property update

Margaret Watkins reported that the project has been awarded \$35,000 from the Russell Farm and Forest Conservation Foundation. A number of other grants have been applied for and Margaret expects to learn if they were successful in November and December.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### Trapping permit

Bill Miles met with the Commission to obtain permission to trap in the Kimball Pond Conservation Area (KPCA). Bill reported taking 2 beaver, 1 fisher, and one bobcat from the area this past year. Brett informed Bill that Commission members are concerned about wildlife populations and favor not allowing trapping in conservation areas in the near future. Members did agree to grant Bill permission to trap in the KPCA in 2016.

#### Kimball Pond sign

The trail sign located near the boat launch was stolen recently. It has been recovered by the Dunbarton Police Department. The Conservation Commission is pressing charges.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Received – A letter from Scott Warriner (tenant in the former Nassikas homestead). Scott stated that all is well at the house though he has not seen much wildlife on the property this year. He continues to check Kimball Pond each day.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, October 17, 2015 – Hike of the month to locate the largest boulder(s) in Dunbarton. Meet at 10 AM on Rt. 13 where the power lines intersect the road as it heads east to Concord.

NEXT MEETING: November 11, 2015, 7:30 PM

AGENDA:

Boundaries of conservation and easement areas/markings  
Other business

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis