DUNBARTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: February 8, 2017

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

MINUTES: January’s minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Status of special exception sought by Botnick family

Mr. Botnick has yet to submit a revised application to the Zoning Board. Margaret Watkins spoke with the Society for the Protection of NH Forests to discuss creating a “building envelope” on the property. The Society did not feel that establishing an envelope would be particularly beneficial. George Holt recommended that all requirements the Conservation Commission (CC) wishes to have on the plan be submitted in writing to the Planning Board.

Stone Farm project

Margaret Watkins discussed the Conservation Commission’s responsibilities as the secondary back up holder now that the easement has been secured. The state of NH holds the easement with Five Rivers Conservation Trust acting as the primary back up holder. Five Rivers will annually monitor the property. However, the Conservation Commission is responsible for establishing and maintaining a pedestrian trail in an area approved by both Judy Stone and Five Rivers.

Kimball Pond Conservation Area

Snowmobile trail

Drew Groves described the lack of contact he’d had with the Bow Pioneer Snowmobile Club since they walked the Great Meadows for the purpose of locating a mutually agreeable route (eliminates the need to cross the pond). Since August the Club has relocated a section of trail and installed large signs. Drew agreed to contact the Club and ask that they attend our next meeting if possible. Currently the Commission is in violation of the easement on the Kimball Pond Conservation Area since any change to the original snowmobile corridor trail must be approved by the Commission and the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED).
Remedial work to be done at dam/boat access

George Holt confirmed that he intends to fill out the after-the-fact permit application required before work is done at the boat launch that will meet NH Fish and Game’s standards. Jeff Crosby is willing to remove the sand and gravel.

Stan Sowle voiced his concerns regarding the height of the stop boards. He suggested that removing the top board would allow the dam and its spillway to perform in the manner in which they were intended.

Timber cut status

Stan Sowle stated that Ed White was overseeing the harvest by Cersosimo which is doing a clear cut in the old field and a selective cut in a nearby area. The timber tax will be paid to the Town while the revenue from the sale of the trees will be deposited into the Conservation fund. The field should provide good habitat for rabbits in the future. It will be smoothed and logs placed to block access to the selective cut area. No decision regarding blocking the field’s road access was reached.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, February 25, 2017- Hike to Dunbarton’s largest boulder; final details will be providing via email

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis