CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: February 10, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Darlene Jarvis, Mel Gendron, Drew Groves, Ron Jarvis  
Alternates Present: Margaret Watkins  
MEMBERS ABSENT: George Holt, Stan Sowle,  
Alternates Absent: Matt Lavey

MINUTES: January’s minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Bela Brook Conservation Area (BBCA)

Boundary lines

Drew Groves plans to walk the bounds of the original BBCA in the near future. To help with the task, Margaret Watkins volunteered to walk the former Meisner lot with Stan Sowle and possibly Nick Holmes who is familiar with the parcel. The Commission’s goal is to keep the boundary lines well marked.

Purchase of Stone Farm easement

Margaret reported that approximately $51,000 still needs to be raised. She encouraged everyone to attend the benefit at the Congregational Church to enjoy a wine tasting, hors d’oeuvres and live jazz.

Conservation land/easement properties

Members briefly discussed the compilation of information on the Town’s parcels which are in conservation or under easement. John Stevens has spent considerable time amassing what info he can and has produced a few spreadsheets. Darlene Jarvis stated that eight of the lots which John listed under “no use reference found” are actually in one of three conservation areas and she will contact John.

NEW BUSINESS:

Warrant article to allow sale of town property

Several members concurred that a number of years ago the Selectmen agreed to give the Commission an opportunity to assess a lot’s conservation value before deciding to sell it. Members concluded that adopting RSA 41:14-a on this year’s warrant also appears to do that.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Stone Farm benefit – Saturday, February 27, 2016, 6 to 8 PM, Dunbarton Congregational Church

NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2016, 7:30 PM

AGENDA:

John Stevens/Compilation of info on property owned by the town
Other business

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis