

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: September 9, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Darlene Jarvis, Drew Groves, Ron Jarvis

Alternates Present: Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mel Gendron, George Holt, Stan Sowle

Alternates Absent: Matt Lavey

MINUTES: August's minutes were accepted

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice Chair elected

Brett St. Clair provided members with a cup of cider to toast Jim Stone who served as the Commission's vice chair until his passing in September of 2013. Brett nominated Drew Groves for the position. Members present unanimously voted to elect Drew as Vice Chair.

Trapping on conservation properties

Brett St. Clair was contacted by trapper Eric Dulude regarding permission to trap the parcels managed by the Commission. Brett told Mr. Dulude that Bill Miles is trapping the areas but invited Eric to come to this meeting. Darlene Jarvis suggested that the Commission consider not allowing trapping in conservation areas when Bill is no longer interested in doing so. Members present were strongly in favor of considering this change in policy at that time.

Boundary lines/Easement monitoring

A short discussion regarding how well some of the boundaries of conservation lands are marked and how often some are monitored will be continued at the Commission's next meeting in October.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) – Membership dues have increased and are now \$296. Margaret Watkins suggested that the Commission continue to support the NHACC but volunteered to contact the organization to ask about the increase in cost.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, September 19, 2015 – Hike of the month for September: tour the sites where Joseph Putney and James Rogers originally settled in the early 1700's. Also walk to the cellar hole of the Old Whipple Place located in the Kimball Pond Conservation Area. Meet at the Dunbarton Town Offices at 10 AM to carpool to the Putney and Rogers's location as parking is limited.

NEXT MEETING: October 14, 2015, 7:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis