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Subject to Review, Correction and Approval

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: April 13, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Darlene Jarvis, Mel Gendron, Ron Jarvis, Stan Sowle
Alternates Present: Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Drew Groves, George Holt
Alternates Absent: Matt Lavey

MINUTES: Minutes from March were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Bela Brook Conservation Area (BBCA)/former Meisner lot

Margaret reported that she, Stan Sowle, and Nick Holmes walked the boundary lines and flagged those where there were no walls. Margaret suggested that small boundary signs be nailed up around the BBCA bounds.

Stan will try to pull the abandoned trailer up the hill to Tenney Hill Road. If that can be done then the trailer could be dismantled on site and put into a dumpster or be loaded on a car trailer and hauled to the transfer station.

Stone Farm project update

Margaret Watkins stated that a purchase and sale agreement has been signed. Brett attended a garden club meeting where he gave a presentation about the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barnard Hill residents/additional information needed by DES

Stephanie Gagne and Tex Whiting met with the Commission to discuss the state's response to a wetland crossing application they submitted in order to receive approval for two culverts and a bridge on their 20 acre lot. The state has requested additional information. Brett St. Clair suggested how to obtain a topographic map which would provide some of the required information. The couple was also interested in warning other landowners about signing the contract they had and then finding it difficult to stop the logger from cutting trees.

Kimball Pond Conservation Area

Stan Sowle reported that he and his son cleared the logs from the spillway area and that some graffiti is on the spillway again.

Blocking off the spur that leads to the dam from Legache Hill Road was discussed. Installation of a gate instead of a number of boulders would allow the Commission necessary access to the west side of the dam. Brett will contact Jeff Crosby to ask if the town has a gate available.

Bela Brook Conservation Area

Donna Dunn has asked Lee Martel to install a post and signage at Scipio's homestead in the BBCA. Members had no objection and Lee will be contacted.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Stone Farm walk – May 1, 2016, 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM, \$5.00 donation suggested

NEXT MEETING: May 11, 2016, meet at 5:30 PM at the Kimball Pond boat launch to clean up trash

AGENDA:

Bela Brook Conservation Area/removal of abandoned trailer
Other business

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis