CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: May 9, 2018

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

MINUTES: April’s minutes were accepted

Christopher Wells, the director of the Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC), met with Commission members to talk about the organization. He shared some of its history and its evolvement into an accredited private land trust serving 23 towns. The current status of several undeveloped tracts of land in town was discussed. Mr. Wells also talked briefly of the benefits of having the PLC hold the easement on a parcel of land.

OLD BUSINESS:

Seedlings planted

On April 25th Brett St. Clair, Margaret Watkins and Ron and Darlene Jarvis met on Kimball Pond Road to help Stan Sowle plant seedlings purchased from the state nursery. Sixty plants including June berry, Crab Apple, Hazelnut, Cranberry and Beach Plum were planted throughout the “field” south of the old Nassikas homestead.

Conservation Fund update

Brett St. Clair reported that Pam Milioto, the town’s treasurer, will pursue investing the conservation funds in certificates of deposit (CDs) in order for the money to earn a better rate of interest.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stone Farm kiosk status

Margaret Watkins explained that the funds for the Stone Farm project have been spent. She queried the Commission to ask if members objected to donating a small amount of money (to be determined) towards the completion of the kiosk. Members present were in favor of doing so.

NEXT MEETING: June 13, 2018, meet at 5:30 PM at Kimball Pond (boat ramp parking area) to walk Legache Hill Road (removing trash if necessary) and construct a simple bridge where the “Loop Trail” leaves the road.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis