CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: February 14, 2018

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

MINUTES: January’s minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Easement monitoring

Drew Groves informed the Commission that he has walked the Story easement. No violations were observed. Drew filled out a monitoring report to be filed in the Story easement folder.

NEW BUSINESS:

Capital Region Roundtable update

Matt Lavey reported on the Roundtable held in Concord on February 5th. The Aquatic Resource Mitigation program (ARM) was the topic covered in a presentation by Lori Sommers. ARM will be able to provide towns some funding for mitigation when certain criteria are met. For a project to be eligible it must be begun in town prior to an entity such as Eversource undertaking a project with environmental impacts.

Matt spoke to two representatives from the Northern Forest Center. The Center is concerned about environmental issues in Maine, NH, Vermont and northern New York. Matt volunteered to invite one or both women to speak to the Commission. Members were in favor of Matt doing so.

Kimball Pond Conservation Area (KPCA)

Snowmobile trail amendment

Due to the changes made by the Bow Pioneers Snowmobile Club to the location of sections of the original trail through the KPCA an amendment to the snowmobile easement must be filed. Margaret Watkins stated that the easement holder is usually responsible for shepherding the amendment through the Attorney General’s office. That would mean that Steve Walker from the Office of Strategic Initiatives would be the person to assume this task. The Commission reviewed a map on which the current trail system was indicated. Members questioned the exact location of certain sections of the
trail. As a result, members agreed to postpone considering any motion relating to the altered trail system before having an accurate map in hand.

*Old County Road*

Apparently this section of County Road was discontinued around 1858. Drew has contacted Line Comeau. Line will work to determine the roads current status, etc.

NEXT MEETING: March 14, 2018, 7:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis