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Subject to Review, Correction and Approval

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: June 8, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Darlene Jarvis, Mel Gendron, Ron Jarvis, Stan Sowle

Alternates Present: Matt Lavey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Drew Groves, George Holt

Alternates Absent: Margaret Watkins

MINUTES: The minutes from April and May were accepted

NEW BUSINESS:

Snowmobile trail in Kimball Pond Conservation Area

Members of the Bow Pioneers Snowmobile Club met with the Commission to discuss rerouting the existing trail. Dan Weed and Craig Ott spoke for the club and explained that the state does not want the state's trails to route snowmobiles or grooming equipment across bodies of water. The club would like to use a section of Whipple Road and eliminate crossing Kimball Pond. Brett St. Clair expressed the Commission's reluctance to allow use of Whipple because it would lead to dumping and unauthorized use along it, a serious ongoing issue in the conservation area. Craig Ott stated that the club can gate trails. Brett replied that the Commission has tried and failed to get permission to lock the gates on Legache Hill. Brett suggested that the club explore the possibility of again routing their trail through the Great Meadows to the north instead of across the pond. He also asked the club to meet again with the Commission in a few months to further discuss this issue.

Bela Brook Conservation Area

Parking area

Jeff Crosby contacted Brett regarding the area where cars can park off of Grapevine Road. Jeff plans to make the area easier to plow in winter and enlarge and level the area for parking.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kimball Pond Conservation Area

Forestry Management

Members again discussed plans developed a few years ago to harvest some of the trees in an area south of Kimball Pond Road. Stan will contact Ed White to let him know that members would like to have the timbering done sometime this year.

NEXT MEETING: July 13, 2016, time and place (conservation area) to be determined

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis