

KUNCANOWET TOWN FOREST AND CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: January 26, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Jarvis, Margaret Watkins, Darlene Jarvis, Fred Mullen, Brett St. Clair, Ed White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Groleau, Peggy Senter

MINUTES: October's minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Fogg's field

Donna Dunn met with the Committee to primarily discuss the efforts, hers and the Committee's, to maintain control of the brush along the stone walls around the field and the barn's foundation. While the Fogg's left instructions as to how the field and walls are to be maintained, it is apparent that a number of aggressive plants (poison ivy, bittersweet, sumac, etc.) are overtaking the grassy areas and margins. Scheduling a second mowing of the field at the correct time in the spring (mid June for invasive species) has been suggested to help control the growth. Margaret Watkins will inquire as to when the birds nest in the spring since the mowing would have to be done prior to that time. Ron Jarvis proposed that a work day be scheduled at our next meeting. On that day members could clean along the stone walls and then pile the brush in the field. The piles could be burned later in the year when the ground is snow covered.

November trail day

On the morning of November 14th, Kuncanowet members Tom Groleau, Ron and Darlene Jarvis, Brett St. Clair and Margaret Watkins met to clear as many trails as possible. They were joined by Matt Lavey, Roy Schweiker, and Ed and Marcia Wagner. All 7(+/-) miles of the trail system were cleared with Fred and Brianna Mullen working on two trails prior to the trail day.

Membership

Ron Jarvis suggested a few residents who might be interested in serving on the committee. Members present agreed and Ron volunteered to contact them prior to our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kuncanowet maintenance for 2016

Boundary blazing

The blazing along the west boundary line has not yet been repainted. A Mansion Road landowner who abuts the Kuncanowet may be having his lot timbered. Margaret Watkins stated that she would try to check the boundary in that area to make sure it is clearly marked.

Trapping in the Kuncanowet

Ron Jarvis asked members present whether they would consider no longer annually granting permission for trapping in the Kuncanowet. After some discussion members agreed to discontinue the practice and see what, if any, problems resulted from the change in policy.

NEXT MEETING: April 26, 2016, 7:30 PM

AGENDA:

Member-at-large position
Kuncanowet monitored/LCIP's Steve Walker
Work day/Fogg's field
Boundaries/Blazing (LCIP signs)
Other business

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis