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KUNCANOWET TOWN FOREST AND CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: April 26, 2016

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Peggy Senter

Minutes: January's minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership

Larry Cook has agreed to serve on the committee and will be filling a member-at-large position. Ron thanked Larry on behalf of the Committee. The terms of Tom Groleau, Darlene Jarvis, and Fred Mullen are up but all will be serving another term.

Fogg's field

Ron Jarvis asked the Committee to decide whether or not to mow the field this spring in addition to the annual fall cut. Margaret said Audubon's ornithologist, Pam Hunt, suggested mowing prior to the first of June, the ideal time being mid May, in order to avoid impacting the nesting bobolinks. Members agreed to have the field mowed. Ron volunteered to contact John Wiggin.

Ron and Ed White discussed trimming back the brush along the stone walls with brush cutters. They tentatively plan to meet at the field on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>..

Boundaries/Blazing

In order to get the existing blazes repainted Ron suggested that members pair up and do one of the four bounds (i.e. north, east, south or west). After some discussion Brett and Margaret said they would attempt to do both the west and southern boundary. Ed and Fred volunteered to take the east side while Ron and Darlene will do the northern bounds. Cans of blue spray paint can be picked up at the Jarvis's as well as conservation markers to be nailed up at strategic points along the boundary lines.

Fred Mullen confirmed that there are a number of large survey maps of the Kuncanowet Town Forest and Conservation Area (KTFCA) in the vault. Members painting the bounds probably need some of the information on these maps. Tom Groleau stated that the town's large copier is able to copy survey maps.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Field visit report by Land Conservation Investment Program's Steve Walker

Darlene Jarvis read an excerpt from Steve's report of his walk into the Kuncanowet on March 8, 2016. Steve walked west along the ROW on the Gelinas property to the brook below Gorham Pond. After returning to Gorham Pond Road he left the parking area and walked along the east boundary line of the Gravas parcel. Steve wrote that he chose to walk two of the areas he felt there was "exposure to outside influences".

Steve also offered the committee some free conservation boundary markers. Darlene requested and received about 100. The markers were originally intended for use on an easement bound but the word "easement" is easily removed with acetone and Darlene volunteered to do so.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**NEXT MEETING:** July 26, 2016, 7:30 PM

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Darlene M. Jarvis