KUNCANOWET TOWN FOREST AND CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: October 25, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Jarvis, Margaret Watkins, Darlene Jarvis, Fed Mullen, Brett St. Clair, Margaret Watkins, Ed White
MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Groleau, Peggy Senter

Minutes: July’s minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Trail work day

Ron Jarvis declared the September work day a success with Jon Reckard, Joyce Ryan, Matt St. Onge, and Ed and Marcia Wagner helping out. By around 2 PM all the trails had been cleared except the southernmost section of the Gum Tree Trail. Fred Mullen and Ed White widened the Hobblebush trail. Brett St. Clair and Larry Cook walked the Kuncanowet’s northern bounds and most of its western boundary, repainting the blazes and posting small “Conservation Land” signs. They also checked for easement violations but found none.

Fogg’s field

Ron explained the series of events that resulted in Fogg’s field being mowed in late summer at no cost to the Committee. Bob Searles and Bill Streeter mowed the field for the hay and would like to continue doing so. They are also interested in improving the field by applying wood ash. Since the field did not produce much hay this fall Mr. Searles may not apply any ash this year. A release form would need to be signed prior to the application of ash. Committee members present voiced no concerns regarding the ash since NH plants are not burning pressure treated wood.

Ron suggested the Committee consider having a “brontosaurus” remove the brush that is now growing into the field. Members were in favor of pursuing the idea.

NEW BUSINESS:

Signage

Peggy Senter contacted Ron regarding the signage on the “trail” running between the Hammond property and Fogg’s field. Peggy suggested that the single “no wheeled vehicles” sign be replaced with two “no motorized vehicles” signs, one at each end of the “trail”. Ron will contact the Bureau of Trails to ask if they have these signs available.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve Walker, Stewardship Specialist from the Office of Energy and Planning forwarded an email to the Committee via Darlene Jarvis (his LCIP survey contact person) regarding an effort to make land trust trail information available on the existing website www.TrailFinder.info.

NEXT MEETING: January 2017- weekend date/time to be announced, if conditions permit members will snowshoe into the Kuncanowet from the trail head

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis