KUNCANOWET TOWN FOREST AND CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: January 22, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Jarvis, Margaret Watkins, Darlene Jarvis, Larry Cook, Fred Mullen, Dave Nault, Brett St. Clair
MEMBERS ABSENT: Peggy Senter

MINUTES: October’s minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Fogg’s field

Ron Jarvis briefly discussed the management plan drafted by Margaret Watkins. Ron said he had called Bob Searles shortly after Margaret wrote up the plan. Bob voiced no objections when Ron outlined the mowing and fertilizing schedule spelled out in the draft.

Part of the upper field (east side) was not mowed this year nor was the ash spread. Ron did not discuss this during his last conversation with Bob. Earlier in the fall Bob had confirmed that the abnormal amount of rain had delayed the mowing. Dave Nault stated that the field will be noticeably improved by the application of the wood ash if it gets spread early next spring. Dave suggested that even the uncut area should be top dressed at that time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Memberships

The terms of Fred Mullen, Darlene Jarvis and Peggy Senter will expire in March.

Ron reminded members that Ed White’s position on the Committee will need to be filled by a member of the Town Forest Committee. Dave Nault stated that a forester in town may be interested in serving on the Town Forest Committee. Dave will suggest to the forester that he attend the next Town Forest Committee meeting.

Annual Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) monitoring report

Darlene Jarvis reported that she filled out the monitoring form and sent it to Amanda Hollenbeck from the Office of Strategic Initiatives.

Town report

Ron Jarvis thanked members for reviewing his draft for the Town report which he then submitted to Line Comeau.
Timber cut

Ron suggested that members consider the benefits of having a second small timber cut done in an appropriate area. An area that’s been cut over provides browse for wildlife. Ron explained that he felt doing a cut was not a necessity but an option in the future.

Dave Nault stated that the NH Fish and Game Department has some funding available for timber cuts done to improve wildlife habitat. The program requires that the area where the cut is done has to be open for hunting and remain so for a minimum of 5 years.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, January 26, 2019 – The Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC) and the Dunbarton Conservation Commission will co-sponsor a hike into the Kuncanowet Town Forest and Conservation Area. The hike will be lead by David Butler, a volunteer monitor for the PLC. Meet at the trailhead at the end of Holiday Shore Drive at 1:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING: April 23, 2019, 7:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis