KUNCANOWET TOWN FOREST AND CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: January 24, 2017

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Peggy Senter

MINUTES: Darlene Jarvis made a motion to amend the minutes to indicate that Larry Cook was present at the October meeting and that Peggy Senter took part in the September trail work day. Fred Mullen seconded the motion and it passed (9-0).

OLD BUSINESS:

Signage

Peggy Senter contacted the Committee to report that the one “no wheeled vehicles” sign on the unofficial trail between Hammonds and Fogg’s field is no longer there. After the Committee’s last meeting Ron contacted the Bureau of Trails to ask about signs but learned that they are only available for official snowmobile clubs. Ron volunteered to call Matt Lavey and the Department of Fish and Game.

Kuncanowet hike

Members discussed scheduling a fun walk into the area in January. The Committee agreed to wait to set a date due to the current lack of snow cover for snowshoeing. If a hike is scheduled in February, Fred Mullen suggested the Committee consider providing food/drink at the trail head afterwards.

Fogg’s field

Ron confirmed that no wood ash was spread on the field this year. Drought conditions contributed to less hay to mow and bale. A year with adequate rain should result in a cut that offsets the cost of spreading the field with wood ash as planned.

As previously discussed, the barn foundation and probably the stone walls need to be sprayed in order to gain control over the growth of the sumac and bittersweet. Ron suggested that the Committee consider having a brontosaurus clear back the growth around the perimeter of the fields. Ron volunteered to contact John C. Brown regarding the cost per day, etc.
NEW BUSINESS:

Annual report

Ron Jarvis reported that he will be submitting the report to the Town administrator.

Membership

The committee’s “selectmen representative”, Tom Groleau, has moved out of town and is no longer a Selectman. Ron Jarvis spoke with Selectman Bob Martel who agreed to ask which board member would be interested in filling Tom’s position.

UPCOMING EVENTS: February snowshoe/hike into the Kuncanowet if conditions permit (TBA)

NEXT MEETING: April 25, 2017, 7:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis