KUNCANOWET TOWN FOREST AND CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: October 24, 2017

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Nault, Peggy Senter

MINUTES: July’s minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Signage

Ron Jarvis contacted Voss Signs to get a quote on a “No Motorized Wheeled Vehicles” sign. Voss would charge a “set up” fee of $45.00. Their standard shipping fee is $10.00. The total cost for 25 signs would be $183.00. Ron explained that Voss does stock a “No Motorized Vehicles” sign. This sign is 12 by 12 inches and is made out of plastic. Ron calculated the cost of 26 of these to be $120.50. After a brief discussion, Larry Cook suggested that the Committee order the “No Motorized Vehicles” signs. Ed White made a motion that we purchase 26 “No Motorized Vehicles” signs. The motion was approved (7-0).

Fogg's field

Wood ash update

On October 6, 2017 Ron Jarvis, Darlene Jarvis, Fred Mullen, and Donna Dunn met at Fogg’s field with Suzanne Chickering. Ms. Chickering, a representative from Heart and Soil, a subsidiary of Resource Management, Inc., discussed improving the field with an application of wood ash. Unfortunately funding for restoration of fields that are publicly owned is no longer available from Natural Resources and Conservation Services (NRCS). Bob Searles stated that he would rent a spreader that can apply the wood ash if the Kuncanowet Committee would purchase the ash. Donna Dunn wanted to order ash for her nearby field. To obtain a price break, Suzanne Chickering suggested combining Donna’s order with one for ash for Fogg’s field. The combined tonnage would qualify for a discount and the ash would cost $24 a ton instead of $26. After the meeting in Fogg’s field Ron queried the Kuncanowet Committee members to ask if they were in favor of purchasing the ash. All members replied in favor of the purchase. As a result the order was immediately placed with Heart and Soil in hopes that the ash can be spread this fall.
Ron made a formal motion to see if the KTFCA committee would vote to purchase 60 tons of wood ash at a price of $1440. Margaret Watkins moved the motion. Ed White seconded it. The motion carried (7-0).

*Funding for field restoration*

Ron Jarvis related his conversation with Heather Foley at NRCS. She referred him to Timothy Fleury who is a field specialist at UNH Co-operative Extension. Mr. Fleury suggested looking into Fish and Game’s small grants program or calling Ed and Julie Robinson. Tim offered to make the initial contact with the Robinsons.

Ron asked Margaret to follow up with the Department of Fish and Game to determine if their small grants program might be a source of funding.

*Blocked culvert near trailhead*

Ron believes the culvert is still blocked. He suggested that installing chicken wire might keep debris from blocking the culvert in the future. Larry Cook suggested the fire department might be able to blow the debris out of the culvert. Ron will contact Jeff Crosby to ask what he thinks should be done.

*NEW BUSINESS:*

*Trail news*

Margaret Watkins reported walking a number of trails and stated that they were in good shape. She recently found an abandoned ATV on the Mill Pond trail. She copied down the registration numbers on its expired 2014 sticker and gave them to the Dunbarton Police Department.

Fred Mullen stated that several geocachers have told him how impressed they were with the Kuncanowet when they hiked in to find the geocache that is located there.

*NEXT MEETING: January 23, 2017, 7:30 PM*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis