KUNCANOWET TOWN FOREST AND CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: April 24, 2018

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Peggy Senter

MINUTES: Minutes from October were accepted  (Note: January’s meeting was cancelled due to weather)

OLD BUSINESS:

Fogg’s field update

Ron Jarvis reported that Bob Searles is planning to spread the wood ash as soon as the field is dry enough. Mr. Searles has sent in an application to the Department of Agriculture in hopes of receiving some grant money to help defer costs to improve the field. Bob asked if the Commission would object to his moving a few rocks to better allow his equipment to move between the upper and lower fields. Members had no objections.

Margaret Watkins explained that a meeting at Fogg's field last year with Ed Robinson and Tim Fleury, a field specialist from UNH Extension Services, resulted in our understanding the need for a management plan for the field. Matt Tarr from UNH was recommended, contacted, and walked the field with Margaret and Ron and Darlene Jarvis a few days ago. Matt will provide a management plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members reappointed

The terms of Ron Jarvis, Brett St. Clair, Larry Cook, and Dave Nault have expired. Ed White, chair of the Town Forest Committee and Brett St. Clair, chair of the Conservation Commission, reappointed these members.

Violations observed in the Kuncanowet Town Forest and Conservation Area (KTFCA)

Ron discussed ATV use of the trail system in the past few months. Margaret Watkins added that she’d seen evidence that an ATV was being ridden along part of the Gum Tree trail. Also discussed was the obvious use of a section of the main trail for target practicing. Ron reported notifying the police. Patrol cars were seen parked near the Kuncanowet entrance on several occasions thereafter.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, May 19, 2018 – Tentative date for clearing trails and tree falls in the KTFCA. Meet at the trailhead off of Holiday Shore Drive at 9:00 AM. Watch for confirmation of the date via email.

NEXT MEETING: July 24, 2018, 7:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis