KUNCANOWET TOWN FOREST AND CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING

DATE: July 23, 2019

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

MINUTES: April’s minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Fogg’s field

Ron Jarvis reported that Bob Searles has mowed the fields but has not spread the wood ash yet.

Margaret Watkins explained that Donna Dunn is concerned about the barn foundation being overgrown by brush. She recently obtained an estimate for a series of herbicide applications to the foundation. The Dunns then made a donation to the town to cover the cost of five treatments. The donation has been deposited in the Kuncanowet’s management account to offset the cost of spraying the foundation. Members present acknowledged the Dunn’s generosity.

Ron Jarvis suggested that Committee members consider manually cutting down any brush that remains around the foundation after it has been sprayed. However, he reminded everyone that the Committee is not charged with maintaining the barn foundation. With no operating budget, Ron estimated that the management fund will run out in about 8 years. In 3 to 6 years a brontosaurus may need to cut back the brush along the stone walls again. In addition, if it becomes necessary to do another timber harvest, a forester could be expected to charge around $1500 to do a timber cruise.

Fred Mullen said he felt that if we clear the foundation we should continue to keep it clear. Dave Nault stated that a tractor with a sickle bar seems to be an effective method of controlling brush also and might be worth looking into.

30th Anniversary of the Kuncanowet Town Forest and Conservation Area (1989-2019)

Old Home Day display (August 17, 2019)

The display to commemorate the 30th anniversary was discussed. Ron and Darlene Jarvis offered to man the display as well as provide the tent, table, maps, etc. Larry Cook said he hopes to be available to help on the 17th. Fred Mullen provided a number of photos for the display.
Hike into the Kuncanowet

Saturday, September 7th was agreed upon for the hike into the Kuncanowet. Brett St. Clair volunteered to organize the walk. Brett said he would ask Joreen Hendry (a local, retired educator) if she would lead the hike.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kuncanowet trail maintenance

On Sunday, August 11th, Ron reported walking the Mill Pond and Hobblebush trails. He cleared both trails by cutting up a number of large tree falls.

Kuncanowet trailhead parking area

Ron informed Committee members that the area is being plowed throughout the winter by a resident who lives nearby. Ron suggested that our appreciation could be expressed with a note and possibly a small gift card. Brett St. Clair made a motion that we gift a $75 gas card, Dave Nault seconded it. Motion passed. (7-0)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 17, 2019 - Dunbarton’s Old Home Day. In celebration of the Kuncanowet’s 30th anniversary, members of the Kuncanowet Town Forest and Conservation Area Management Committee will set up an informational display and promote the upcoming hike into the area.

September 7, 2019 - hike into the Kuncanowet to celebrate its 30th anniversary. Meet at the trailhead at the end of Holiday Shore Drive at 9 AM.

NEXT MEETING: October 22, 2019, 7:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis