KUNCANOWET TOWN FOREST AND CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: July 25, 2017

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

MINUTES: April’s minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Fogg’s field

Ron Jarvis reported that John C. Brown’s brontosaurus is still scheduled to work a day on the brush along the edges of the field. Ron, Darlene, and Donna Dunn met in the field in June to attempt to locate the nests of the bobolinks that Donna has seen in the field. It was determined that a pair was nesting in the upper area of the field near the barn’s foundation. Ron spoke with Bob Searles to ask if he would be willing to delay mowing the field to allow the young bobolinks to fledge. Bob was fine with doing so and has yet to mow it.

Dave Nault stated that weeds do not get a chance to go to seed when a cut is done very early compared to later in the year. He described hay cut very late in the summer as good for cattle but not horses.

Bob Searles is looking into UNH’s field improvement program. UNH has some funds available for field improvement. Bob will contact Ron when he learns more.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tree cutting along the Kuncanowet boundary

Holly Riley contacted the Town regarding several trees which might be in the Kuncanowet near her future home. Ron met with Mrs. Riley on her lot (K1-01-23) at the end of Holiday Shore Drive. Ron determined that the trees were of no value and appeared to be either clearly on her lot or just inside of her boundary line. Ron recommended that the Riley’s remove the trees if they wished to do so.

Culvert near trail head

Ron explained that the culvert near the trailhead/parking area appears to be blocked. Brett St. Clair suggested that Jeff Crosby might unplug the culvert if asked to do so.

Possible “old growth forest” areas

Dave Nault discussed his interest in having several suitable forested areas in town set aside as “old growth forests” where large trees could be permanently preserved for future generations. Members
present suggested several spots in various conservation areas which might make excellent “old growth” tracts. It was suggested that the forested area located south of the Stonewall Trail had great “old growth forest” potential.

NEXT MEETING: October 24, 2017, 7:30 PM. (FYI: A “trail work day” may be announced beforehand which would replace the regular October meeting)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis