

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: March 9, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Drew Groves, Darlene Jarvis, Ron Jarvis, Stan Sowle

Alternates Present: Matt Lavey, Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mel Gendron, George Holt, Brett St. Clair

Alternates Absent: None

MINUTES: February's minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Conservation land/easement properties

John Stevens met with the Commission to discuss his work to compile information on the different parcels of land owned by the town. John explained that he initially was looking for a site suitable for a future safety complex. After spending many hours checking numerous sources, John concluded that no one location exists which provides all the property information he was looking for. Most sources supplied far less data than expected and did not spell out for what purpose each lot is retained for. John stated that he feels he has gone as far as he can go at this time but he provided the Commission with his latest spreadsheet. He offered to add any information which the Commission has to the spreadsheet. John suggested that a legal paragraph could be composed and added to the deed of each lot to clarify its intended purpose, etc. Margaret Watkins, questioning on what authority someone would be able to do this, asked if John could send her the names of the towns that had added corrections to deeds.

Stone Farm project

Margaret Watkins stated that approximately 120 people attended the benefit at the Congregational Church which raised about \$2000 for the purchase of the Stone easement. Additional funds have come from the local 4H club which donated the proceeds from their booth at the election polls to the project. Currently around \$35,000 still needs to be raised. Margaret expects a walk at the Stone Farm to be scheduled for early May.

Proposed bobcat season

Drew Groves volunteered to send out a letter in opposition to the bobcat season which has been approved by Fish and Game. Members agreed that a second letter, similar in content to the first, should be sent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Conservation Commission's goals for 2016

Members reviewed the list drafted by Brett St. Clair. Drew Groves said he knew of a group of Bow students who might be interested in helping with the Kimball Pond trail maintenance work which Brett has on this list.

NEXT MEETING: April 13, 2016, 7:30 PM

AGENDA:

Boundary signs (former Meisner lot in Bela)

Closing of spur road to Kimball Pond dam

Historical Society's request to mark Scipio's home site

Other business

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis