CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: July 11, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Drew Groves, Darlene Jarvis, Ron Jarvis

Alternates Present: Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: George Holt, Stan Sowle

Alternates Absent: None

MINUTES: May’s minutes were amended and accepted. (The first paragraph in the minutes was amended to end with “Mr. Wells also talked briefly about the benefits of having the PLC hold the easement on a parcel of town conservation land.”)

OLD BUSINESS:

Kimball Pond trail work update

On the evening of June 13th available Commission members met at the Kimball Pond Conservation Area rather than the Town offices to work on an area of the “Loop Trail”. Brett St. Clair, Drew Groves, Ron Jarvis and Darlene Jarvis felled several trees and built a simple bridge adjacent to Legache Hill Road. The bridge enables hikers to circumvent the stretch of the road flooded by beavers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hammond property

Brett St. Clair described the parcel of land which has been offered for sale by the Hammond family. The parcel is one of the last large lots near the center of Town and has road frontage on Rt. 13. Members present discussed the opportunity this presents to meet the future needs of our growing Town. The Commission agreed that the Town should pursue purchasing the property. Brett St. Clair made a motion that the Conservation Commission be willing to commit a significant sum of money for the Town’s purchase of the Hammond property contingent upon that money being reimbursed to the Commission by the Town if the project does not go forward. The motion was seconded by Ron Jarvis and passed unanimously, 5-0.

NEXT MEETING: August 8, 2018, 7:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis