CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: November 14, 2018

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

Alternates Present: Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stan Sowle

Alternates Absent: None

In attendance: Beth Dooley

MINUTES: October’s minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of 2018’s work list

Brett St. Clair described a conservation commission’s responsibilities before reviewing the work list he drafted at the beginning of 2018. So far this year the Commission has completed a number of tasks including the following:

- Members met to do trail maintenance in the Bela Brook Conservation Area.
- At Kimball Pond work was performed at the dam and seedlings were planted in the “fields” south of the Nassikas homestead. In late summer it was necessary to build a bridge adjacent to Legache Hill Road to allow hikers to use the trail on the west side of Kimball Pond. Some litter was removed from the usual problem areas along Legache Hill Road. All violations were reported to the police department.
- The Taylor easement was monitored.
- Data was compiled on the town’s conservation land overseen by the commission as well as on lots with a conservation easement on them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission’s 2019 work list

Below are some of the tasks Brett suggested that members undertake in the coming year:

- Finish blazing the Bela Brook Conservation Area as it now includes the two “Overlook” parcels. George Holt stated that Jacques Belanger has yet to set some of the Overlook bounds.
• The Chan lot should be walked and Commission members should revisit obtaining an easement for it.

• Information on all conservation land and parcels protected by an easement should be provided to the building department.

• Follow up on the amendment required to be approved by the state of NH regarding the changes made to the snowmobile trail in the Kimball Pond Conservation Area.

• The right of way at the north end of the Great Meadows needs to be located and assessed.

• An appropriate hiking trail needs to be laid out and established on the Stone Farm property.

• Conservation easements need to be monitored (Taylor, Story, etc.). The Mary A. Kaminski Recreation Area should be walked and blazed if need be.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, December 1, 2018 – Learn how to identify trees in winter on a walk with Wendy Weisiger in the Bela Brook Conservation Area, meet at 9 AM at the trailhead off of Grapevine Road.

NEXT MEETING: December 12, 2018, 7:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis