DATE: April 10, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Ron Jarvis, Darlene Jarvis, George Holt, Stan Sowle
Alternates Present: Margaret Watkins
MEMBERS ABSENT: Drew Groves
Alternates Absent: None

MINUTES: Minutes from March were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Local landowners begin work to preserve land

Beth McGuinn, Executive Director of Five Rivers Conservation Trust, and Five Rivers’ land specialist, Alison Scheiderer, were in attendance to discuss conserving the Koerber’s land. The Koerbers wish to preserve their undeveloped land and are working with Five Rivers, a successful local land trust, to place a conservation easement on their property. The land, approximately 130 acres, is located in a Level III conservation priority area established in 2010 by the Conservation Commission in conjunction with the Central NH Regional Planning Commission. The property is situated near other protected parcels including the Stone Farm which Five Rivers helped to conserve in 2017.

Beth McGuinn stressed how important having local support will be when Five Rivers seeks funding from various sources.

George Holt made a motion that the Commission donate $23,000 to the (Koerber) project (that amount to include the $3000 previously pledged for an appraisal). The motion was approved (6-0).

Snowmobile trail easement/amendment

Brett St. Clair has not been contacted by Susan Francher from the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources or Tracey Boisvert regarding what information should be included on a revised trail map to file with the registry of deeds to update the Kimball Pond snowmobile easement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Member reappointments

Drew Groves, Ron Jarvis, and Margaret Watkins have been reappointed by the Selectmen. Margaret and Drew will need to be sworn in.

Bela Brook Conservation Area

Brett found the trails in good shape when he recently walked them. He also reported that there is now an “unofficial” marked trail which connects a section of the yellow trail near the mill pond to the nearby development off Grapevine Road.

NEXT MEETING: May 8, 2019, 5:30PM, meet at the Kimball Pond Conservation Area parking area (boat ramp) to clear the mill site and cellar hole area

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis