CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: August 14, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Darlene Jarvis, George Holt, Ron Jarvis, Stan Sowle, Margaret Watkins
MEMBERS ABSENT: Drew Groves
Also present: Beth Dooly

MINUTES: June’s minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Koerber project/public trail

Several Conservation Commission members met with Mr. and Mrs. Crooker who own land adjacent to the Koerber property. The plan to create a trail from the Koerber lot to the elementary school was discussed. Members asked the Crookers if they would consider allowing public access across a portion of their lot. The Crookers were open to that idea but have no interest in selling their property at this time.

Kimball Pond Conservation Area invasive species control

Stan Sowle reported that Connor Tilton from Meadowsend Consulting has sprayed the clear cut. Conner was unable to cut and paint the larger trees because the bittersweet was so thick but will return next year to do so. Stan reminded the Commission that a number of logs used to block access to the area were moved so that Connor could spray. Stan stated that he would need help to replace the logs. Margaret Watkins noted that there are also several logs on the Kimball Pond dam which will need to be dealt with. Brett volunteered to contact Jeff Crosby to ask whether he would be willing to take care of both issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

Land auction

Brett St. Clair reported that the auction of a parcel of land abutting the Kimball Pond Conservation Area has been cancelled. Evidently the bank which owns the lot was unaware that the lot is land locked. Stan Sowle confirmed that he walked the property several years ago. He described it as sloped and ledgy and therefore difficult to develop.

NEXT MEETING: September 11, 2019, 7:30PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis