DATE: January 9, 2019

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

MINUTES: December’s minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Kimball Pond Conservation Area (KPCA)

Management of the old “field” area (south of the Nassikas homestead)

Stan Sowle discussed the recommendations made by representatives from Bay State Forestry Services. The company has provided an estimate for herbicide spraying of the invasive bittersweet, autumn olive, etc. Stan stated that herbicide spraying is considered the most successful method of control. Conservation members voiced their concerns regarding the use of herbicides. Drew Groves volunteered to research the chemicals Bay State wishes to use. Stan agreed to contact Matt Tarr to ask his opinion since the Commission is interested in providing a habitat for cottontails. No decision on how to best move forward was made with the discussion to be continued at the next meeting.

Amendment needed for snowmobile trail

Brett St. Clair reported that he sent the changes made to the snowmobile trail to Susan Francher from the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR)/Division of Forests and Lands. According to the easement on the KPCA, the DNCR needs to file an amendment because the trail has been altered.

Monitoring schedule

Members briefly reviewed which lots were in need of monitoring. The consensus was that members would plan to walk easements every year and town owned parcels every three years if no violations were reported.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, January 26, 2019, 1:00-4:00 PM - A walk into the Kuncanowet Natural Area will be led by members of the Piscataquog Land Conservancy. Meet at the trailhead on the south side of Everett Dam Road at 1:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING: February 13, 2019, 7:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis