DATE: June 12, 2019

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

MINUTES: April’s minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Kimball Pond Conservation Area

Paige’s mill site cleanup

On May 8th available Commission members, Brett St. Clair, Darlene Jarvis, Ron Jarvis, Stan Sowle, and Margaret Watkins met at the pond’s public access. They were joined by Selectman Bob Martel, Selectman Dave Nault and Lee Martel in clearing brush adjacent to the stream and around the cellar hole.

Kimball Pond clear cut/Invasive species control

On June 6th Stan Sowle, Brett St. Clair, Darlene Jarvis, Ron Jarvis, and Margaret Watkins met with UNH wildlife specialist Matt Tarr to walk the area. Matt predicted that bittersweet would soon eliminate the native species and limit the numerous species of birds in the clearing. He suggested that aggressive herbicide spraying over a minimum of a 2 year span would be needed to control the bittersweet. Matt also suggested that the Commission apply for the funding available from the Department of Fish and Game. Tracts over 25 acres and open to hunting are eligible.

Brett St. Clair made a motion that the Commission go ahead with spraying of herbicide in the clear cut. Ron Jarvis seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0). Stan Sowle agreed to contact Connor Tilton at Meadowsend Consulting.

Status of Koerber project

Alison Scheiderer, land conservation specialist for Five Rivers Conservation Trust (FRCT), met with the Commission to give members an update on the project. Alison provided members with maps of the property indicating the excluded area and proposed easement area. That area would now include a short section of road frontage (Rt. 13) to allow for public access. She described the funding sources she is pursuing and answered questions posed by members.
NEW BUSINESS:

Future trail locations explored

In May a letter was sent to the owners of a lot abutting the Koerber property. The landowners replied and expressed a willingness to discuss the Commission’s ideas but are not interested in selling their parcel.

NEXT MEETING: July 10, 2019, Time and place to be confirmed but the tentative plan to meet at the Gorham Pond boat ramp to canoe the pond at 5:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis