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Subject to Review, Correction and Approval

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: February 12, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Drew Groves, Darlene Jarvis, George Holt, Ron Jarvis, Stan Sowle, Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brett St. Clair

MINUTES: January's minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Bela Brook Conservation Area (BBCA)/Overlook Estates issue

Margaret Watkins stated that she and George Holt would meet with the Board of Selectmen regarding the right of way (ROW) which is located off the cul de sac in Overlook Estates. In January Commission members observed evidence of snowmobile use on conservation land abutting the ROW. Margaret and George will ask the Selectmen if snowmobiles can cross the town's ROW since motorized vehicle use is prohibited in the BBCA.

Koerber project/potential trail location

Margaret Watkins confirmed that Five Rivers Conservation Trust will be closing on the purchase of the Koerber easement this coming year. Using Google Earth, members were able to view the old road that runs through the Koerber's lot and would become part of a trail system. Margaret stated that the Dunbarton Elementary School Board was not comfortable with allowing the general public access from the school to an existing or future trail. She suggested that the Commission contact Ken Koerber regarding the Board's position since Ken had initially met with Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subdivisions/Wetland Conservation District

George Holt discussed the following two subdivisions that have come before the Planning Board on which he serves as vice chair.

Lot B7-01-05 on Purgatory Pond Road is being subdivided into 3 lots. The 17 acre lot has the necessary frontage on Purgatory Pond Road which has been upgraded to meet town standards. George stated that he has walked the area and in response to his concerns regarding the wetlands, surveyor Jacques Belanger has reconfigured the layout of the 3 lots. George will ask that Jacques's final survey reflects the delineation of the wetlands and the location of the Wetland Conservation District.

Lot B6-01-10 on Montalona Road is being subdivided into 3 conforming building lots, an 89(+/-) acre lot and two 5 acre lots which are impacted by a "Public Service of NH" easement. George said he wants to

see the approximate location of the Wetland Conservation District (WCD) on the plan and have a wetland scientist verify that the wetlands on the two small lots are not contiguous with those in the WCD.

Trail Policy

Commission members thanked Margaret for writing a comprehensive policy draft. Members suggested some minor changes to ensure that members will be able to complete “tasks” in the policy given the Commission’s other obligations and time constraints. Margaret made note of the suggestions and shared those provided by Brett St. Clair who was unable to attend. She agreed to rework the draft prior to next month’s meeting.

NEXT MEETING: March 11, 2020, 7:30PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis