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Subject to Review, Correction and Approval

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: March 11, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Drew Groves, Darlene Jarvis, George Holt, Ron Jarvis, Stan Sowle, Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MINUTES: February's minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Potential trail access (Koerber/Dunbarton Elementary School)

Public access from the school parking lot was briefly discussed. With the Commission unsure of the precise concerns the School Board has regarding the access, Brett St. Clair suggested that the Commission consider meeting with the Board at some time in the future.

Trial policy

Members reviewed the policy draft which Margaret Watkins revised after several changes were suggested during February's meeting. The Commission is not obligated to establish trails and the policy will allow for an existing trail to be decommissioned. With a few changes in wording agreed upon, Margaret said she will revise the policy prior to next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kimball Pond Conservation Area (KPCA)

Invasive species control

Stan Sowle stated that Connor Tilton, the employee who sprayed the clear cut area last summer, no longer works for Meadowsend Consulting. Meadowsend will be sending a different person out to assess the area and write up an estimate for the spraying to be done this year.

Access to clear cut

Stan Sowle asked if the access to the clear cut could be gated or cabled off. Currently a number of heavy logs have to be moved each time any equipment needs to enter the area. Members present supported Brett's suggestion that the Commission ask Jeff Crosby if he could either cable off or gate the access. Stan volunteered to contact Jeff.

Wetlands Conservation District (WCD)

George Holt, who is also Vice Chair of the Planning Board, stated that a few Planning Board members have had issues with some of the WCD restrictions such as buffer distances. After a brief discussion, members present voiced their willingness to consider drafting a new Wetlands Conservation Policy if the Planning Board is in favor of adopting one.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 21, 2020 - "An Evening with Appalachian Trail Thru-Hiker Rob Ricard", Bow High School, 4-6 PM

NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2020, 7:30PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis