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Subject to Review, Correction and Approval

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: April 14, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Darlene Jarvis, Ron Jarvis, Stan Sowle
Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Drew Groves, George Holt

OLD BUSINESS:

Koerber project/Five Rivers Conservation Trust (FRCT)

Brett St. Clair stated that Five Rivers has not responded to his inquiry regarding the Koerber project. Margaret Watkins volunteered to contact Ken Koerber regarding the status of the easement acquisition.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kimball Pond Conservation Area (KPCA)

"Field" (clear cut area south of Nassikas homestead)

Stan Sowle reported that he had contacted several companies regarding grinding the stumps in the old field. Commission members agreed with Stan's recommendation and he will follow up with A1 Enterprises.

Old "dump site"

Stan anticipates that Jeff Crosby and "Woody" Bowne may raze the damaged Nassikas homestead in the near future. Stan said he would ask Woody if he could remove the trash from the nearby dump site at the same time.

Trail system maintenance (fall/winter)

Recently a large tree fell across a trail in the Bela Brook Conservation Area (BBCA). Brett was notified and cleared the trail. Margaret Watkins said she believes the Bela Brook trails are in good shape but was willing to revisit them if need be. Both Brett and Margaret expressed concerns regarding unauthorized private trails/flagging.

Brett was notified when the beavers in Kimball Pond partially cut a number of small trees. Brett contacted Drew Groves and he removed the necessary trees.

Expedited wetlands permit (Long Pond Road)

Brett spoke with the applicants and checked the site where the 18" inch culvert is to be installed.

Grant easement (Stark Highway North)

Mr. Robert Allwood contacted Brett regarding the easement on a portion of his property. The easement was drafted by the former landowner, Jane Grant, to protect the parcel's wetlands. Mr. Allwood wishes to expand the existing pasture on his property. Brett provided him with a copy of the easement and suggested that he encourage the person contracted to do the work to install silt fencing if necessary.

Commission's goals/work list for 2021

Brett provided members with a work list for the coming year to be discussed in more depth at a later date. The Kimball Pond Conservation Area Stewardship Plan must be updated for 2022. Brett expressed his concerns regarding the Bela Brook Conservation Area's boundary lines. He suggested that the Commission hire a surveyor to blaze the area. The need for a "request for proposal" was then discussed. Ron Jarvis stated that Bryan Comeau, a local forester and Town Forest Committee member, recently drafted a well written scope of work document for the Town Forest Committee. Brett suggested that Ron invite Bryan to attend the Commission's next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: May 12, 2021, 6 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis