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Subject to Review, Correction and Approval

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: October 14, 2020

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

MINUTES: Brett St. Clair stated that the minutes from July would need to be amended regarding the right of way (ROW) at the northern end of Whipple Road. In the minutes for July under NEW BUSINESS, Kimball Pond Conservation Area, the last two statements in the third paragraph are inaccurate and should be disregarded.

Brett St. Clair provided the change of wording necessary in September's minutes to ensure that information regarding Whipple Road is correct.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kimball Pond Conservation Area (KPCA)

*Whipple Road*

Brett St. Clair reported that he and Drew Groves recently met with Derrick Labranche, owner of Lot E5-1-1. Mr. Labranche was aware that the Conservation Commission believed that he had removed a stone wall on the deeded right of way along Whipple Road. Mr. Labranche stated that he had only removed the row of trees on his property which were along the ROW, not a stone wall. Brett apologized for his misperception.

*Clear cut access gate*

Stan Sowle stated that a gate has not been installed yet but he continues to contact Jeff Crosby in hopes that he will have time to do so soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eel study/Kimball Pond dam

The Department of Fish and Game has removed several stop logs to make room for their eel traps. The Department will replace the logs when the traps are removed. Fish and Game mistakenly believed that the state owned the dam but has since realized that it is owned by the town.

Zoning Ordinance/Article 6: Open Space Subdivisions

Members present briefly discussed the regulations in light of an open space development expected to come before the Planning Board in the near future. George Holt, who also serves as vice chair of the Planning Board, confirmed that the developer has not presented a plan to the Board as yet. Margaret Watkins said she felt the ordinance, as currently written, is lacking in protections for the open space required to be set aside. George added that the Planning Board is reviewing each article in the zoning ordinance. He reminded Commission members that they were welcome to attend the next meeting when the Board will review Article 5 dealing with the Wetland Conservation District.

New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) membership

NHACC dues for 2021 are \$275. Margaret Watkins made a motion to authorize Brett St. Clair to have a check paid out to New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions for membership. Ron Jarvis seconded the motion. The motion passed. (6-0)

NEXT MEETING: November 11, 2020, 6:00 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis