Conservation Commission November 7, 2017

Memorial Building 7:00 p.m.

Note: These minutes are to be considered draft minutes until approved by the Conservation Commission.

Members Present: Bruce Allen, Marla Binzel, Ken Jacques, Daphne Klein, Cynthia Bruss (alternate), and Dick Hendl (Selectmen's Rep).

Bruce Allen opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of 11/2/17 were approved with the following corrections: Daphne Klein was not present and in the second line of Town Lots 'Grafton' was inserted prior to 'property line'.

Town Lots:

Cynthia Bruss summarized some of the historical information about the Kinsley lot. Clearing of the first loop trail has been completed. Cynthia has donated four 8' rough sawn planks to be used to traverse a wet section of the trail. Ken Jacques will donate aluminum flashing to make tags to mark the trail. John Trachey and Steve Klein assisted Daphne Klein, Marla Binzel and Cynthia in clearing the trail.

Bruce retrieved the game camera from the Knowlton lot and reported that along with a variety of wildlife, 3 trucks, a dirt bike and an ATV were observed (in violation of the 'No Vehicle Access' signs that are posted). The images were turned over to Chief Julien.

250th Celebration:

The Kinsley trail, Pitcher Hill, Kidder Brook and SRKG-Royal Arch were discussed as possibilities for the series of hikes that will be led by the Conservation Commission as part of the yearlong activities for the 250th town anniversary. The 30 cellar holes in the Gile were mentioned as an additional hike that would be very topical.

Zoning, Planning and Selectmen Report:

Dick Hendl reported that he has been not received any updates from Jeff Blecharczy of DES.

Communications and miscellaneous:

Bruce is preparing the Annual Report for the Town Report. There was a discussion about the possibility of rolling over unspent funds from the Commission's annual budget to the following year. Bruce will contact the Executive Director of the State Association of Conservation Commissions to determine how this is handled by other towns.

Action Items:

Bruce will find out more information about rolling over unspent funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Marla Binzel