Franconia Conservation Commission

Meeting: July 27, 2016. 5:15 pm

Members present: Mary Grote, Ginny Jeffryes, Kim Cowles, John LaChapelle

Northern Pass update – Ginny will attend upcoming meeting Aug 9th in Concord at the NH Assoc of Conservation Commissions with NH State AG’s Counsel for the Public (CFP) and his hired natural resource experts. CFP invited interested Conservation Commissions of towns through which Northern Pass proposal wants to pass in order to learn about natural resources which may be impacted.

Lawrence property update: Kim reports the survey verified accurate boundaries, deed research was verified, clean title. Town completed purchase 2 weeks ago. Town lawyer noted shortly before purchase that the Conservation easement needs Town warrant article vote to accept, which Town was unaware of. Memorandum of Understanding was signed to say that per State RSA, Town has to vote to accept the Conservation Easement. The Easement was a condition of the funding grant so presumably if town votes no on the conservation easement, we would need to refund the $50,000.

Beaver Dam on Lawrence property portion of Meadow Brook has grown, possible risk of flooding, Kim reports. Rebecca Brown is going to talk to Fish and Game about how and when to address. Currently dam size may be threatening the cold water trout habitat, as well as downstream Fransted campsites. One option – inquire if F&G can go with Conserv Commission on Aug 31st to walk the area.

Signage on Lawrence Forest property – be thinking about signs to post there about appropriate usage.

M Roianov property pond wetlands permit – they will be going through the usual process with DES, rather than an accelerated review.

? about whether Presbys obtained a permit to cross wetlands for their logging/construction project on Easton Road (across road from landscape/recycling business). If so, we never saw it. John will inquire.

Next meeting 8/31/2016, possibly mid-day if Fish and Game can meet then to look at Beaver Ponds.

Minutes submitted by Ginny Jeffryes