Franconia Conservation Commission (FCC)

Meeting: October 24, 2017 8 a.m.

Members present: Jill Brewer, Kim Cowles, Chris Nicodemus, Ginny Jeffryes

Minutes: Chris moves to approve 9/26/17 minutes. Jill seconds. Unanimously approved.

Franconia Regional Trail Master Plan (Chris): The meeting [mentioned in Sept minutes] is scheduled for November 14th, 7 pm. It would be good if the Planning Board can come. Chris is reaching out to various potentially interested groups to attend. SB is aware. Friends of Profile Trail is taking over the mission from NEMBA.

Crocker preserve (Chris): Appears the family’s land donation to ACT will close before the end of the year. Easement hasn’t been produced yet by ACT – that comes after closing. Kim’s recollection is that Conservation Commission agreed to hold easement preliminarily more than a year ago, but that we needed to see the easement before accepting it. Ginny will review minutes of past meetings.

Wildlife Action Plan meeting with Amanda Stone of UNH coop extension (Chris): She’s coming 11/21/17 at 8 a.m. and will present the conservation issues involved, and how she can help us. She’s a good resource.

Fox Hill Park Gale River trail (Kim): The trail work is done. The White Mountain School kids worked hard. There is some leftover ledge pack which we can use to fill in any washed out areas after winter.

Leah from SNPNHF [easement holder] walked with Kim 2 of the boundaries last week. There is a little encroachment from the Jesseman property still, as has been the case for years, despite discussions with landowner in past. That property is for sale so Kim will wait until after sale to discuss this with property owners this year.

(Jill) Town submitted CMAQ grant application [discussed last meeting] on 10/20/17.

McKenzie Woods conservation easement walk of the south and east boundaries was postponed 2 weeks ago because no one with a GPS was available (Mark or Chris). Chris, Kim, Ginny will do this immediately after today’s meeting.

Easement marker purchase: OK with SB/Holly to use the town logo design. We have money in budget since only expense has been annual membership fee in the NHACC. Discussion about obtaining quotes from 2 or 3 companies. Chris moves: We authorize Kim to obtain 2 or 3 quotes for standard small conservation easement boundary signs for the Franconia Conservation Commission easement properties. She will order, to spend up to $500.00. Jill seconds. Passes unanimously.

Next meeting: Tues Nov 21st, 8 a.m.

Minutes by Ginny Jeffryes.