Windham Conservation Commission

June 18, 2019

Present:

Hal Wilkins; Chair, Ginny Crittenden, Dawn Bower, Alison Trowbridge, Irwin Kuperberg from Londonderry Conservation Commission (CC).

**Meeting Called to order at 7 pm by Hal.**

**Introductions:** Irwin introduced himself and talked about conservation efforts by several southern Vermont towns to conserve wildlife corridors and the Londonderry Conservation Commission’s work on controlling invasive species.

**Lowell Lake:**  Lowell Lake Concerned Citizens is the local citiizens’ group that organized around the State’s proposed development plan for Lowell Lake. The group is concerned with the current overuse of the park and feels the current ideas being discussed by the State do not address this concern and actually exacerbate the problem. Among the ideas being proposed by the State are plans to increase parking and renovate old the cabins to accommodate overnight camping.

The state has 4 ideas: 1. overnight camping in existing cabins, 2. overnight camping in other shelters to be built, 3. no overnight camping but use existing structures for events and other uses, 4.no overnight camping or other use for the existing structures. The State is moving forward and will hold listening sessions in the area for the public to make comments.

The citizens group is writing letters to publications, legislators and the Department of Forest and Parks. The Londonderry CC wants to come up with a resolution at their meeting on Tuesday and will keep the Windham CC in the loop.

**Minutes of 4/16/19:** Ginny moved to accept the minutes as presented. Dawn seconded. The Commission voted all in favor.

**Frank Seawright’s Presentation:** The Commission found Frank’s presentation at the May meeting very interesting and exciting for its possibilities. Hal reported some difficulty logging into some of the websites Frank recommended.

**Community Values Mapping:** Hal will contact Monica Przyperhart to check in about the final map.

**Invasives:** The Commission has recommended to the Select Board that roadside mowing occur three times to control wild chervil and poison parsnip. The first two mowings would be targeted to spots where the plants are growing and would occur in early June for the chervil and early-mid July for the parsnip.. The third time is the annual townwide roadside mowing. The road crew is working on making the first mowing happen.

Adjourned at 8:50 pm. Minutes submitted by Alison Trowbridge.