CONSERVATION COMMISSION May 12, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chair Brad Crosby, Dot Banks, Karen Bordeau, John Earley, Dick Ayers and Katy Wells; Alternate

Open At 7:12m Chair Crosby recognized a presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Minutes Chair Crosby made a *motion* to approve the minutes of 04/14/16, 2nd by Dick all were in favor.

<u>Old Business</u>

Town owned lots

Chair discussed the recent issue that came up with town own lots, the forestry maintenance of and the timber tax that may be due with revisions to statues. Chair will check with BOS to see if they would like to update the process.

The commission discussed the tree farm program, further maintenance of town forests on Dr. True, New Boston Road, Eastman and Tower Hill. There was some question as to how the money in the non lapsing funds can be used for the purpose of the commission's work.

Chair Crosby reported that the harvest on the New Boston Road lot is going well.

Earth Day

Dot reported that the nature photo contest did well and there were many donations so that there was enough to give something for 2nd place prizes as well. The commission will work to get digital photos of all the entries for our files and asked the BOS if any of the winning photos can be used in the next year's town report.

Field and Forest Trails update

John Earley reports no update at this time. He is still waiting for assistance from Karen Ober to possibly connect with the abutter regarding the trail system.

Mail and Correspondence

Items filed from DES.

<u>Other</u>

Chair Crosby reported that he walked the Swain easement and the Meader property for monitoring. Katy will forward the forms to fill out and mail them.

Chair Crosby stated that there was an inquire again regarding the possible sale of TML 3/69, the commission stated that any access to the lake for emergency purposes for the few lots that are left on the lake will remain not recommended for sale.

Adjourn At 8:20 pm, Chair Crosby made a **motion** to adjourn, 2nd by Mary all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Wells; Alternate member and Secretary