

Francestown Conservation Commission
February 4th, 2013

Present: B. Hardwick, J. McClary, D. Shuffleton, BJ Carbee, D. Crooker, P. Freese.
Also. L. Kunhardt.

The meeting came to order at 7:31.

New Business:

1. Linda Kunhardt presented a Habitat Proposal for the Fringed Gentian area at the old area.

This would include removal of the pine saplings on the South side of the road, as a 1st phase of the plan.

Next would be to pull, or otherwise remove the Autumn Olive from the flat area.

Approximately 150 trees would have to be removed.

Phase 2 would be the clearing of the area further into the woods.

The ConCom agrees that this plan be started, as a way to protect the Fringed Gentians, which have been prolific in this area, more in some years than others.

2. Ted Graham has approached the ConCom with a proposal to produce a brochure of conserved areas, showing the trails for public use.
The ConCom does not want to pursue a conserved areas map.
3. Time to order the seedlings for school distribution. It was decided to try and get 100 each of Red and Yellow Osier.
4. BJ asked if the ConCom or town would please check the brook on Rte. 47, beyond her house. There is a serious problem of erosion from the road.

Old Business

1. Avery Brook. Barry Wicklow is working on it.
2. Crotched Mt. Town Forest trail issues--seem to be resolved.
3. Feb. full moon hike-- set for 2/23/13 at 7:30. Meet at Farrington Rd/
4. Duck boxes. Sunday Feb. 10th at 11:00 to clean and check.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM

Respectfully submitted

Polly Freese, Alternate.