FINAL PRINCETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR MEETING December 20, 2016

PRESENT:

Ron Thompson, Brian Keevan, Rachael Catlow from the PCC were in attendance. Brian Keevan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There was not a quorum for the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

PCC discussed changes to the Land Management Plan for Calamint Hill Conservation area. Conservation Restriction requires plan finalized and approved by DCR and City of Worcester by December 2016. Brian Keevan amended the Land Management Plan as discussed at the November 22, 2016 meeting. Shaun Provencher from DCR, Land Protection Program was at the meeting. Shaun will review the Management Plan document to see that it meets DCR requirements. Walks were completed by Brian Keevan, Brett Trowbridge, and Rachael Catlow from PCC and Rick Gardner from Open Space Committee to establish routes for the trails to be established. Shaun Provencher suggested only having 2 vantage points on the pond to eliminate excess locations for vandals. Mass. Audubon has not laid out and easement to connect the trails to the trail network.

• NEW BUSINESS:

- Mohamed Samoda from 77 Main Street attended the PCC meeting regarding a shed constructed on his property close to the property line. He spoke to Nancy McGrath at DCR about the shed. He has spoken to David Asmus regarding a design for septic system. PCC needs to review the location of the shed in proximity to Keyes Brook.
- PCC discussed a letter received from MACC wanting the Commission to consider signing a supporting interstate gas pipeline letter. This will be discussed when there is a quorum.
- An email was received from Hollie Lucht –Parks and Recreation regarding the Thomas Prince softball field. The field to the right has poor drainage and water is damaging the fence. PCC will do a site visit in the spring.

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- Kyle Baron a student from U Mass is doing a survey regarding Savage Hill. Brian Keevan did a phone interview with him, and he wants to get the PCC views on what's most important to the town.
- On December 3, 2016 Brian Keevan met with Joellen Quigley Ferm regarding the PCC ownership of the Town Pound located on Worcester Road and Allen Hill Road. Brian did a site walk with Joe Lee and found drill holes and a capped rebar post. He will attend the Historical Society Meeting on January 19. He stated that a pound had to be horse high, bull strong, and pig tight.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE:

FOREST CUTTING PLANS:

The minutes from November 22, 2016 meeting was tabled until the January 2017 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Marsha Dowdy