FCC Meeting March 3, 2015

Attending: Kim, John, Mary, Chris, Ginny, Kathy, Red, Eric

Fox Hill Park

Kim passed around an updated report provided by the Soc. of Forests. An abutter, Jessman, is encroaching on the edge of the park. Kim and Eric volunteered to survey and replace the missing corner pin when the snow has melted. Other worn pins will be replaced

North Country Scenic By-Ways Council packet passed around. The council is looking for interested volunteers to join in the project, expected that state roads rtes. 116, 18, and 117 are included.

Question raised on term limits for members of FCC. None known and general feeling is that members can serve as long as they are interested...there is no "waiting list" for perspective members.

Lawrence property

The family has proposed a sale price of $350,000 for the entire 110 acre parcel. They would consider a lower price if the 18 acres on high ground was divided out and kept by the family. Access to this area would need to be constructed, requiring many town adjustments.

The entire parcel contains areas of Zone A wetlands. The wetlands are sensitive and rather inaccessible.

The current assessed value for tax purposes (current use) is $125,000. Taxes are $80.00. This property abuts town property and would be a highly desired area for the town to acquire. The property is close to Fox Hill Park. The town of Franconia would benefit from the protection of this property for town use.

Should and how can ACT be included in this process? They have interest in the current trout study (Meadow and Lafayette brooks course through the property). ACT has experience with grant writing.

Chris will take the lead on this project. He will contact Rebecca Brown, ACT, and discuss their interest and willingness to help.

Trails:

The trail through Fox Hill is no longer allowed to pass through the private, Fransted Campground property.

Another abutter the, Williams’ family, has raised concerns about people walking through their property. They agree that walking down their driveway would be acceptable.

Kim has posted signs on both properties indicating private property.

Eric has been traversing the area looking for possible alternative trail sites.

There is a new trails committee starting

Old blazes need to be updated. Some trails need to be altered. More discussion with abutters is needed. A re-evaluation will occur after the snow melts.

Kathy McCarthy