**Franconia Conservation Commission** minutes 2-17-2021 3:30 pm, at McKenzie Woods easement.

**Site Visit attendees**:  Jill Brewer, Mark Ober, Art Daily, Chris Nicodemus, Red McCarthy  (absent: Mary Grote, Ginny Jeffryes)

**Guests**: Dan Zajic and Sara Daley (Currently live in Whitefield but own and plan to build on their acquired lot in near future)

This is a quick written record of our field visit to the FCC easement property at the end of McKenzie Road. Covid continues to confound our ability to meet formally, however based on the several matters related to the towns core in-valley trail network as relates to 94 acre lot F22-4 which is the site of Middle Earth Trail and the easement by the airport south of the Zajic holding, and tax lot F17-5, the 65 acre lot recently transferred from Andy Boone Hyde to the T&T Dev Corp.  This latter parcel abuts the Lawrence Family Forest and includes sections of Ian’s Trail and the Middle Earth Trail including the bridge to the Lovett field.

The purpose of the visit was to check the status of the easement boundary to the north of Middle Earth trail.   Dana and Sara related how they bought this *lot because of the trail system* and how important it was for all the land owners in the neighborhood.  They accompanied us to our visit of the easement line on Middle Earth just to the south of the mega glacial erratic boulder.   We then went back to Wild and Wooly Trail and followed it down to the survey pin that represents the 90 degree turn in the easement boundary.  The boundary is flagged in the segment however some aluminum conservation easement signs should be place in association with the survey pins to better delineate the property.

The group agreed that we should hold a zoom meeting to specifically discuss the two large properties listed above and proactively engage the land owners and potentially ACT in discussions regarding the dispositions of these properties and steps that might be taken to proactively protect the integrity of the trail system and recognize the conservation value of both parcels.

We need to schedule our next meeting and agreed with the continuing Covid situation it needs to be a Zoom call.  We would like to invite a rep of T&T Dev Corp to participate.  The minutes and public notice requirements need to be recognized.   CN to follow up with office and Ginny.

Mary Grote will invite a new candidate member for the commission to the next meeting as well

Proposed meeting Date:  Wednesday March 24 4 PM via Zoom.

Minutes by Chris Nicodemus; (spell-check edited by Ginny Jeffryes).