Conservation Commission Agenda for January 3, 2018

5:00 PM Upstairs Meeting Room

Seating of Alternates

* Approval of Minutes of December. 6, 2017
* Elections of Officers
* Dobson Open Space Set Aside Document
* Planning Subdivision Regulations: review purpose of open space set aside
* New Preston Falls Project Update (Site Plan has 5-yr Inland Wetlands permit) – Dirk Sabin
  + Bridge repair schedule
    - Work with Town on stabilization of bridge abutment - replace planks, clean steel & repaint
  + Funding Plan - suggestions re sources of $
    - Project component estimates – Dirk Sabin
  + Continue research into structures and people who lived along the East Aspetuck
  + Meet with the New Preston Business Association and the New Preston Women’s Club
* Phragmites Removal by All Habitat (Permit for 6/29/17 – 12/31/2019) in New Preston Open Space treated week of Oct. 2nd -  map of area treated area needed from All Habitat
  + Field biologist to monitor in 2018
* Viewscape/Ridgeline & Tree cutting regulations: **Goal to draft regulations 2018** (Material sent 10/24 and 11/2)
  + Tree Regulations – Dirk Sabin and Diane Dupuis
  + Meeting with Arthur O’Neill
  + Viewscape Guidelines – Dirk Sabin
  + LID Regs & Horizon Line/Viewshed Protection – Linda Frank, Dirk Sabin
    - Viewshed Guidelines -review
    - LID Regs (240 page) approved by Town of Morris, Oct 2017, author/Steven Trinkaus
* Town Tree Arboretum – Dirk Sabin

*Subcommittee Reports & Assignments:*

* New Preston Open Space - 2018 Management Plan
  + - Consensus to have mowed path up & around hillside
    - Monitor results of the Phragmites removal
* Town water resources protection – map work, at-risk areas (Impaired Waters List) & strategies to protect Town’s water quality - collaborate with Steep Rock– Randy Bernard

Other and/or Old Business:

*Review other commission minutes*

**2017 Commission Members**: Susan Payne, chair; Linda Frank, vice chair; Randy Bernard, Diane Dupuis, Tyler O’Hazo; alternates: Kathy Bennett, Dirk Sabin, Ann Quackenbos

**RSVP**: to Janice if you CANNOT attend.