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MINUTES

May 20, 2022

Location: Chain of Ponds off Forest Pines Road

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marcia McKenna, Ralph Lutjen, Marc Ohlson, Noreen Downs, Ted Slader

OTHERS PRESENT:

Upper Saco Valley Land Trust: Abby King, Doug Burnell, Mark Dindorf, Greg Bjork,
Dan Stepanuaskus

Conservation Fund: Sally Manikian

Other Friends of USVLT: Jonathan Leonard

The purpose of this on-site meeting was to walk and view the property known as the Chain of Ponds with members of the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust and the Conservation Fund.

The group convened at 10:00am at the parking area with Abby King, USVLT Conservation Director and coordinator of the on-site visit. Introductions were made by everyone present, and Ms. King showed a copy of the aerial map with the lots making up the Chain of Ponds outlined. Ms. McKenna briefed the group on how this came about, and that the current owner could be interested in selling the property for conservation purposes. Ms. McKenna contacted USVLT and they contacted their contact at the Conservation Fund.

All walked the logging road, with several side trails taken to view ponds (Mack Pond and Blue Pond) and numerous cranberry bogs. It was mostly overcast and not particularly buggy. Everyone expressed how much they liked the property and the progress of re-generation after the 2007-2008 logging. Mr. Stepanuaskus was very helpful in leading the group to the ponds and bogs, and with identifying plants and trees.

After walking up the logging road about a mile and ½, the group returned to the parking area and left the area at around noon. Several USVLT associates proceeded north to Boulder Road to determine if they could find access to the northern lot of the property.

Photos were taken of the water bodies and bogs.

Ms. King requested a copy of the NH Natural Heritage documents and the tax maps from Ms. Downs.

Ms. King requested a copy of the appraisal of the lots done around 2007

Ms. King will plan to attend the June 2nd Conservation Commission meeting.

Submitted by: Noreen Downs