

Kensington Conservation Commission

November 14, 2023

Members Present: Pam Holland, Robert Gustafson, Sydnee Goddard, Joan Skewes

7:35 Meeting call to order

Normand DeBoisbriand and Andy Mathieson

Normand indicated that there were 12-14 pressure treated poles on his property about a month ago. He was concerned that a bridge was going to be constructed. The Commission indicated that it is not moving forward with a bridge construction. Normand also indicated he had concerns that the area was not safe, that people trying to cross the wetland to get to Hodges would impact his property and he was also concerned about the beavers. Normand indicated that the stone wall marks the boundary line and people are crossing the stone wall to get across the wet area, grabbing the electric wire fence, someone fell into the water. Andy indicated mountain bikers are coming onto his property. The Commission suggested to post the property, private, no trespassing. Normand is concerned about his liability. The Commission discussed recreational immunity. Andy indicated the beaver dam is on his property. The Commission indicated that a "beaver deceiver" was installed however the dam is now bigger. Norman indicated he has concerns that the dam will brake again, as it has done in the past. Pam suggested Normand write to the Selectboard addressing his concerns. Pam suggested the town talk to the town engineer, DES and Fish and Game. Normand indicated he is not opposed to a bridge in general although if the dam lets go the bridge will be taken out. Norman also indicated he is not opposed to beavers in general but he is concerned about the high level of water.

Rider Conservation Easement

Pam went on a site walk with Drinking Water Grant folks as part of the application process. A decision will be made November 21st. There were 21 applicants and 13 finalist.

John Clark Property

The Commission is waiting to hear what we spent on adjacent property.

Hodges Forest

Syd talked to Charlie Moreno, Forester. Charlie will cut the beech seedlings every two years.

PSNH Transmission Line

Joan indicated that the Zoning Board approved the special exception for utility maintenance requiring the replacement of a utility pole.

October minutes were approved.

December 12th Next Meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.