

Kensington Conservation Commission

January 22, 2019

Members Present: Sydnee Goodard, Bob Gustafson, Pam Holland, Joan Skewes

Call to Order: 7:45 p.m.

1. December minutes approved as amended.
2. Drinkwater Road Pond. Sydnee contact NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) and UNH Cooperative Extension Service. Neither get involved in pond reclamation. Gregg Jordan, the county forester at Rockingham County Conservation District is interested in invasive species. Syd to contact Mr. Jordan to schedule site visit. Pam indicated STEM teacher at the Elementary school may also be interested.
3. Meeting House Hill tree planting. Syd contact SELT. Phil Auger, land manager at SELT suggested to let the forest regenerate itself.
4. Kimball Easement. Arianna Spear at Rockingham County Conservation District to talk to Charlie Kimball about forest management plan. It is believed that the Kimball family has contacted a forester regarding a plan and cutting on property is for house lot which is not part of the easement.
5. Thatcher Fernald is taking over the dairy operation at Bodwell's. Syd discussed with Thatcher that he would be cutting the Hodges field including the back field. The Commission discussed an agreement formalizing the intent to cut and waiving the fee for the cutting.
6. Syd spoke with Charlie Moreno regarding cutting at Hodges. All projects are backlogged due to the wet fall and winter. Hopefully the project will be on schedule for the summer.
7. Letter to DES regarding the Seabrook wells. DES representative will be attending the next Conservation meeting. Selectmen went to Seabrook meeting regarding opening fire range. The wells are inside the footprint of the firing range. Joan to email DES about lead issues since the firing range has existed for decades.