

Kensington Conservation Commission

May 14, 2019

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

Call to Order: 7:32 p.m.

1. April minutes approved as written.
2. Nancy Roffman, Denny Roffman and Mark Brewer presented a letter written by Sally Brewer expressing an interest in selling a 19 acre woodlot the land to the town. The property is immediately adjacent to the Hodges parcel. The Commission suggested they meet with South East Land Trust (SELT) and Society for Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF) to discuss the possibilities of funding.
3. The Commission had a telephone conference with Barbara Richter from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions regarding the land owned by the town off of Route 108. The Commission discussed classifying the land as a town forest or putting a conservation easement on the land. The land would have to be voted as a town forest by the town. Having a conservation easement on land would provide the greatest protection.

Ms. Richter made several suggestions:

1. An outreach/education program as an opportunity to educate the town about the property.
2. Walk the land with the county forester to obtain his recommendations;
3. Determine how the land relates to other conservation property;
4. Determine appropriate use of property.

Ms. Richter also discussed a community forest which is usually a larger property which is in more than one town. A community forest does not offer more protection, but establishes the desires of the community. Also discussed was a deed restriction which is similar to an easement usually done when the land is being transferred.

The Commission has planned to walk the property the weekend of June 1 or 2nd.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 p.m.