

Kensington Conservation Commission

August 13, 2019

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

Vanessa Rozier, Selectperson

Call to Order: 7:35 p.m.

1. July minutes approved as written.
2. Chris Batchelder attended the meeting to discuss haying at Hodges. Syd discussed large field is more beneficial for birds. The Commission discussed the possibility of haying the large field later and smaller field more often. The Commission discussed marking up a map indicating what fields to be cut and when to make sure it is agreeable to Chris Batchelder. Chris will provide proof of insurance.
3. Pedestrian Bridge off of Moulton Ridge to Hodges Land- beavers are impounding water against the stone wall. Joe Hickey removed material and water was lowered. The Commission discussed possibilities of controlling beaver activity. Pam to call Peter Graves to see if he has any ideas.
4. Fire Pond on Drinkwater Road – Sue Varn, Syd and Gregg Jordan, County Forester met at the pond. Gregg took samples of plant material to identify the plants which are native and not invasive. Sue will be communicating with NH DES regarding the possibilities to control the plant growth. Fire Chief True is investigating funding to dredge pond.
5. Town Parcel off Route 108 – Gregg Jordan wrote letter supporting conservation of property. He identified 17 different species of trees. Syd will contact SELT regarding estimate for survey and legal expenses. Pam to investigate preparing map.
6. Seabrook Shooting Range – Commission discussed shooting range at Seabrook's water wells. Seabrook is looking to make improvements to the property. Issues are expansion of use, expansion of gravel excavation.
7. Great Meadows Property- there are property owners who own land in the Great Meadows who have expressed an interest in donating land to the town. Commission discussed the cost of locating land could be excessive. Given land is wetland it is already protected.
8. Land owned by SAU. Land off of Route 150 owned by the SAU, SAU has offered to sell it to the town.
9. The Commission reviewed a letter from SELT regarding monitoring of Sargent and Great Brook easements, no concerns noted.

Meeting adjourned 9:20 p.m.