

Kensington Conservation Commission

May 12, 2020

Zoom Meeting / Covid 19

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

Vanessa Rozier, Selectperson

Jeremy Louge from SELT

Robert Chase from Trails Committee

1. Minutes accepted as written.

2. Moulton Ridge Conservation Land / Public Meeting

Joan motioned, Bob seconded -Motion to expend up to \$26,000 out of the Conservation Fund to pay SELT for the conservation project. Motion was approved unanimously.

Jeremy Louge will provide letter of agreement to Selectboard after being reviewed by the Commission.

3. Robert Chase discussed No Hunting /No motorized vehicle signs. Robert presented various sign colors and highlights. Signs would be posted around perimeter of the Hodges land. Adjacent land owner is interested in working with Trails Committee. Jeremy discussed the option of having the Moulton Ridge Property silent on hunting. Signs cost \$300 per 100.

4. Moulton Ridge Property

Syd talked to Chief Kane. Discussed putting no trespassing sign, and having officers monitor site. Pam spoke to Chief True who also discussed monitoring site. Robert addressed that the subject cellar hole may not be on town owned land. Robert will also discuss with Chief True.

Robert presented photo of trail sign before and after being restored by the Heals. There are issues with scale, color blazing. There was discussion that blazing needs to be standardized. Skip and Cindy Heal volunteered to restore the Hodges signs.

5. Trails

Robert discussed a grant, 20% match of total labor, donation of services. Discussion as to whether the Commission is interested in partnering with trails committee to apply for grant. Robert volunteered to work with Robert on the grant.

Discussion of people driving down Dearborn Road and getting stuck. There is exposed rock and erosion issues. Road is closed, not town owned. Discussion of need for research and control of vehicular traffic.

6. Hodges Conservation Land

Abutters are removing rocks from boundary wall. They also drove on conservation land. Commission discussed that letter from Selectboard should be sent to offending party asking stone wall to be restored.

Forestry – Charlie Moreno to be contacted.

Invasive Treatment- permit submitted. RCCD waiting for approval. SPNHF approved paying for half of treatment.

7. Salt Shed

Tracy Degnan has contacted Dave Buxton regarding treatment at salt shed. Selectboard signed grant for control of invasive species.

Tracy will be contacting abutter to Hodges about treating invasive species on property.

8. Beavers

Pam reached out to another individual regarding beaver control at Hodges. Discussed dismantling beaver dam, install beaver deceiver. The cost is \$358.00. The commission voted to expend the funds.

9. Pollinator Pathways – tabled.

10. Community News- Robert wrote article which will also be used for Kensington Connects.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.