

Kensington Conservation Commission

August 11, 2020

Zoom Meeting due to Covid 19

Members Present: Sydnee Goddard, Bob Gustafson, Andrew Roberts, Courtney Preneta, Joan Skewes

Vanessa Rozier

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

1. The Commission reviewed the July 14th meeting minutes and approved.
2. Hodges –Beaver and Bridge Construction. Syd has not heard from Robert Chase regarding whether a setback is required for a bridge.

Unauthorized use of land- Selectboard sent a letter to the abutter regarding boundary wall stone removal, placing vegetation on conservation land and use of motorized vehicles on conservation land. Abutter has been given 30 days to comply.

Forestry work – The intent to cut has been signed by all parties. Chief True has requested contact information for Charles Moreno and the logger, map of area that is to be cut and a copy of the forest management plan.

No Hunting Signs – signs have been placed at entry points to the property. Syd will supply the town with the last page of the conservation easement that states no hunting on property except for woodchucks.

3. Moulton Ridge Town Property – Syd reviewed with SELT whether there was an easement in favor of the abutter, research did not find such easement. The town has owned the property for 70 years. It was advised that the burden is on the abutter to provide written proof as to whether there is access across town land. Bob indicated that at one time there was a log across the access point blocking entrance to the property. The Commission discussed that once the survey was completed, perhaps placing signs alerting to the boundary line and when the town has established a stronger presence the boundary lines will be more noticeable.

SELT has put out bids for survey. They received three bids and the job went to the lowest bidder, SNH land service who SELT has worked with. Surveying should start any day. SELT is working on a Letter of Agreement which Syd and Selectboard will sign.

4. Pollinator Pathways – Andrew indicated that Pam took the photographs for the Facebook page. Andrew will submit an article on how to support Pollinator Pathways for the Community News. There is a tour of the Kingston Garden on September 14th.
5. Community News – Bob and Courtney will work on submitting an article about the logging at Hodges and update about the Moulton Ridge town land. Other items, posting

of No Hunting signs, a thank you to the Heals for their work on the restoration of the signs.

6. 152 Drinkwater Road - Syd spoke to Brian Holtz at the Society for Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF). SPNHF is at the site one to two times a week; they are placing close attention to the work being done within the easement. SPNHF indicated that fill in wetlands is to be removed, stumps to be removed, stumps will be ground and used on trails, some trails will be abandoned, re-routed and narrowed. The restoration plan has not been completed. SPNHF has indicated that they want the Commission to continue to be involved. Currently construction materials are being stored within the easement and that has been addressed by SPNHF.
7. White Property, transfer tabled.
8. Exeter River Local Advisory Commission (ERLAC) dues is actually \$200 a year but the Commission budgeted \$100.00. The Commission voted to expend \$100.00 from the administrative budget to pay the dues.
9. Other business- Andy brought up needing a list of the town properties and which property allows hunting. Vanessa will speak with Kathy Felch about what list has already been prepared. Andy will work with Kathy on the list.

Syd spoke with SELT to confirm that Hog Hill has been sold to a developer. The owner was not interested in working with SELT or the SPNHF to protect the land.

Meeting adjourned 8:34 p.m.