

Kensington Conservation Commission

February 9, 2020

Zoom Meeting due to Covid 19

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

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

1. Moulton Ridge Conservation Land – discussion of hunting on the property has been tabled for the full board to discuss.
2. Bridge from Trundle Bed to Hodges– Syd received correspondence from the Natural Heritage Bureau that there are Spotted Turtles in the area. The Natural Heritage Bureau was not in favor of the current proposed alternative locations for two bridges. We would need to confirm that the land is owned by the town. The Commission members reviewed a map showing the suggested location of the bridges.
3. Stone removal from Hodges – no update.
4. No Hunting Signs – Joan to contact Joe Hickey.
5. Pollinator Pathways – Syd has proposed April 17-18 for the seed give-a-way. Possible location is the Grange Hall, will have to apply to use the Grange Hall. Syd will be checking with Chief True on Covid-19 protocol. Syd is looking for volunteers to help.
6. Trimble Trail – The Commission needs to check with the Trails Committee to see whether abutters have been contacted. Most trails in the area are not on public land. Further discussion has been tabled.
7. Community News – The article about the forestry cut on Hodges was submitted. Bob will follow up. Andy is working on an article about the Moulton Ridge easement.
8. Welsh Subdivision – Joan and Pam attended the Planning Board meeting. No wetlands should be impacted with the proposed subdivision.
9. Hog Hill Subdivision – Joan and Pam attended the Planning Board meeting. Wetlands were not involved in the subdivision at the front of the property with frontage on South Road. The applicant indicated they were not interested in placing a conservation easement on the land currently. The applicant indicated the land where the lot line

revision are proposed would be used as a private land preserve. The applicant agreed to use wetland data from the Master Plan documents.

10. The Commission discussed conservation next steps. The following ideas were raised:

- Identifying parcels that rate high in protection of natural resources or are adjacent to currently protected lands.
- Discuss mechanisms of funding including increasing the change use tax percentage that goes to the Conservation Fund.
- Fundraising/marketing/outreach.

Syd will share a Conservation Land spreadsheet she prepared.

11. Other business Mail – Monitor Easement Reports, Syd to scan and provide copies for members to review. Moulton Ridge Bridge/beaver control – no meeting has been set. January minutes were approved.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.