

Kensington Conservation Commission

February April 12, 2022

Members Present: Syd Goddard, Andy Roberts, Robert Gustafson, Joan Skewes

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

1. Conservation Next Steps – Jeremy Lougee from SELT attended the meeting. The Commission discussed identifying properties that have high priorities. Jeremy brought up issues that can come into play when identifying properties to protect such as the source of available grants to stretch dollars –

-Drinking Water Trust Fund 50% match, hydrological, source water and well head

-LCHIP

-ARM – Aquatic Resource Mitigation which requires wetland delineation (this can be labor intensive)

Also reviewing planning board subdivisions to encourage open space. In addition, the cost of building roads can keep building in check. Developers are looking for lands that have road frontage. The Land Conservation Plan for the Coast of New Hampshire prioritizes agricultural lands, the Commission needs to review the data in this plan.

Jeremy indicated that the City of Rochester is progressive in protecting water supply. Rochester has prioritized properties in Berry's Brook.

SELT keeps list of farmers who are interested in leasing or purchasing farmland. The Lakes Region Trust is somewhat involved in carbon credits which involve very large tracts of land.

The Commission discussed working on prioritizing lands and sending out letters by the end of the year.

2. Robert Pryne of Rockingham Planning Commission attended the meeting to discuss the build out analysis that was performed for the town. Robert indicated that the analysis is a parcel based build out. The Commission will review the analysis when prioritizing lands to protect.

3. The Commission approved the expenditure from the town Conservation Budget the following:

SELT \$125.00

ERLAC \$ \$100.00

NHACC \$250.00

4. DOT Letter - Culvert replacement Winkley Brook– JES to write out questions and people to comment on.

5. Motorized Vehicles – tabled.

6. Conservation monitoring reports were reviewed.
7. RCCD contacted the town to perform invasive work at the town shed and town hall.
8. Minutes approved as written.

Respectfully,

Joan Skewes