

Kensington Conservation Commission

May 10, 2022

Members Present: Syd Goddard, Andy Roberts, Robert Gustafson, Joan Skewes, Pam Holland and Courtney Preneta

Also Skip Heal and Linda Bennett

Call to Order: 7:39 p.m.

1. Skip Heal wanted to discuss Hodges Conservation land. The Trails Committee is non-existent. The Commission discussed that the trails have been mapped, the maps were submitted to the Selectboard many years ago, not the current board and since the trails crossed into private property the Selectboard did not want to publicly post the maps. Commission also discussed unauthorized use of motorized vehicles. Skip discussed the trail from the town park to Hodges. Skip is going to contact Joe Hickey to see what documents Joe may have regarding private landowners allowing access across their property. Skip has mowed the walking path from the parking area at Hodges to the back field and he will continue to mow including a path around the edge of the back field. The Commission also discussed that there is an agreement to mow the large field late in the season to allow the ground nesting birds.

2. The Commission reviewed the letter from the DOT regarding replacing the culvert at Winkley Brook on Route 150. Joan will type up the answers to DOT questions and distribute a draft response.

3. Motorized Vehicles on Town Conservation Lands Courtney talked to Police Chief Kane about motorized vehicles on Meeting Hill Conservation land. Chief Kane expressed need for a town warrant not allowing motorized vehicles on town property. Operating a motorized vehicle on public or private land requires written permission, see https://www.offroad-ed.com/newhampshire/studyGuide/Operating-on-Public-and-Private-Lands/40103101_172299/. Fire Chief True would like to designate some trails access for fire control. The Commission discussed whether we need an ordinance – No Motorized Vehicles on Conservation Land. The Commission voted to start with posting the property and approved signage to be posted on Meeting House Hill. A motion was made to expend up to \$100.00 from the town Conservation budget on signs.

4. Conservation Next Steps and Build Out Analysis

The Commission discussed to identify priority parcels to protect by the end of the year. The Commission discussed the need to collect additional data, using the New Hampshire Coastal Plan. At the June 14th meeting the Commission will work on formalizing the list.

5. Pam spoke with Vanessa Rozier regarding logging on Wild Pasture Road and wetland violations. The Commission discussed reviewing current regulations and the need for a town Code Enforcement officer since there is no one to review activity on property to determine whether activity meets is not in violation of any regulation.
6. Courtney discussed Old Home Day on August 13, 2022. A trail race will benefit the Conservation Commission.
7. Pam Holland was nominated as the new Conservation Commission Chair.
8. April minutes approved with the spelling Robert Pruyne as the correct spelling.

Meeting adjourned 9:36 pm.