

Kensington Conservation Commission

November 8, 2022

Members Present: Pam Holland, Joan Skewes, Syd Goddard and Andy Roberts

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

1. No new business presented by public.
2. Courtney to discuss Trail Plan / Fire Department access for emergency vehicles. Grant money available to improve access points. Item tabled.
3. Pam is discussing with Joe Pace the town's inability to accept credit card and pay pal donations.
4. Wetland Buffer Requirement. The Commission discussed a potential revision in the subdivision ordinance due to past violations. Planning board has discussed criteria for evaluating wetlands and establishing buffers. Commission discussed the importance of having wetlands on plans, and also flagged. Commission discussed establishing check lists for land development, timber harvesting. Pam to draft initial check lists which address conservation concerns in land development.
5. Property owner at 204 North Haverhill Road is finalizing plans to build single family home. Driveway access will require wetland permit.
6. Syd has been contacted by SELT regarding property owners interested in preserving property. More information is needed.
7. The Commission discussed the proposal from Charlie Moreno for application of material to beech sucker growth on Hodges where tree harvesting occurred. The Commission voted to expend \$3,200 and not to exceed \$4,000 for beech tree control with the stipulation that the cost be split with Society for Protection of NH Forests as they have shared costs in the past as written in the easement. The control of beech over growth would promote oak and pine growth.
8. Vicky Brown requested the area of conserved land in town. Kensington is 7,667.77 acres, 1,699.53 is conserved property which is 22.16% of the land.
9. Commission discussed various conserved properties, preparing list of land owners name, when conserved, is hunting allowed.
10. Commission reviewed letter from town regarding encumbering funds, the Commission has no outstanding invoices.
11. Mail – The Commission reviewed the monitoring reports from SELT for Meeting House Hill and Kimball. There were no issues.
12. Conservation Next Steps – Syd talked to Jeremy at SELT and drafted letter to send to potential interested land owners.

Meeting adjourned 9:24 p.m.