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Kensington Conservation Commission

December 14, 2022

Members Present: Pam Holland, Syd Goddard, Bob Gustafson, Andy Roberts

Call to Order: 7:34 pm

1. No new business presented by the public.
2. Possibilities, hurdles and possible next steps for the town accepting PayPal and other forms of electronic payments were discussed.
3. Wetland buffer requirement revision in town subdivision ordinance: Pam sent a letter to the planning board explaining the Conservation Commission's stance (discussed at the last meeting) that the town should first focus on robust monitoring and enforcing of existing wetland buffer regulations. Once enforcement and monitoring have been established, we might then support an expansion of the wetland buffer requirement. Though we caution against establishing criteria for multiple, different buffer requirements, as well as trying to draft our own definitions for what constitutes a wetland.
4. Wetland and wetland buffer disturbance prevention (items to include on the erosion and sediment control plan): Pam is drafting list of requests to include on plans for developments which would detail wetland protection, erosion control and enforcement. Currently, plans submitted for site development do not include any details about erosion control or wetland protection. And the town lacks a rapid enforcement mechanism for violations.
5. The annual report is due by January 20th.
6. The possible acceptance of two gifts of land to the town was discussed. The Commission suggests that ownership of these properties be transferred to the town, to be conserved in the future. The Commission would like more information about the costs which would be incurred in accepting the land, and who would bear these costs.
7. The Conservation Commission has no warrant articles to propose for this year.
8. The September and November minutes have already been submitted to the town.
9. There are no new developments in the Commission's mission to conserve more land.
10. Charlie Moreno and Nicholas Lanzer gave an extensive presentation via Zoom regarding their ideas about possible forest management plans for Hodge's. This included a review of their approach to forest management, short and long term patterns of species change in the forest, recommendations for the property, details of what they have done for the control of beech in the understory, and questions from the Commission. After the presentation, the management of the northern half of Hodge's and balancing the needs of multiple stakeholders was discussed.
11. Next meeting scheduled tentatively for January 24, 2023.

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Meeting adjourned 10:15.