

Kensington Conservation Commission

January 22, 2015

Members Present: Sydnee Goodard, Bob Gustafson, Joan Skewes

Call to Order: 7: 30 pm

1. December minutes accepted.
2. Eagle Scout Project has been completed.
3. Nik Coates from New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) attended the meeting to introduce himself and the organization offering technical assistance and to answer any questions. Mr. Coates is visiting all the state's Conservation Commissions. Mr. Coates discussed what other municipalities are involved in, membership issues such as getting younger members on the town's commissions, training sessions and legislative activities NHACC is involved in.
4. Accounting of 2013 Conservation Fund: Syd met with Kathy regarding the accounting issues and corrections were made. Funds were returned to the Conservation Fund which had been erroneously transferred out.
5. Phragmites on Route 150 Syd contacted DES Clean Lakes and Exotic Species who gave contact information for Aquatic Control Technology. The commission discussed funding mechanisms for phragmites removal, getting Boy Scouts involved and/or garden clubs. Process is to apply herbicide and cut phragmites repeatedly. Area is approximately one half acre. An area the size of an acre cost \$1,500.00 for the first year. Ownership of land needs to be identified.
6. Great Brook haying of property off Route 108 Forest edges have not been brush hogged, license has to be renewed. Commission agreed to allow Denise Perkins to cut for 5 years to include brush hogging portion of edge each year.
7. Hodges Haying Syd received email from SPNHF with monitoring questionnaire. Discussed haying contract with Hal Bodwell and impact of ATV traffic on haying operation and possibility of future brush hogging tree edges. Conservation Commission to review/consider farm management plan for the open fields.
8. Annual report reviewed and accepted as drafted with typographical errors corrected.
9. Reviewed mail. Monitoring report for property on Moulton Ridge Road. No issues with enforcement and no recommendation except for erosion along Dearborn Road onto Sawyer property.
10. Adjourned 10:05 p.m.