

Kensington Conservation Commission

June 23, 2015

Members Present: Sydnee Goodard, Bob Gustafson, Joan Skewes

Call to Order: 7: 30 pm

1. May minutes approved and accepted.
2. Phragmites on Route 150. There are issues of identifying ownership of the subject property. Commission is looking whether GIS coordinates would be helpful.
3. Commission reviewed DES Wetlands application response form to allow quicker response to wetlands dredge and fill applications.
4. Bodwell Update South East Land Trust (SELT) representative attended Selectmen's meeting. Selectmen approved LCHIP application. SELT is looking to apply for Federal Grant – Agricultural Land Easement Program. Application made for federal funds, project is split into two phases. First phase will be south side of property. SELT received grant of \$3,400.00 to cover transaction and appraisal cost. Remaining costs will be split three ways. Appraisal may be more than initially anticipated but the town's cost will not be any greater than what the Commission initially approved.
5. Hodges Monitoring Walk with the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF.) Syd met representative and walked red, yellow and blue trail to show issues regarding access. Syd to get estimate for stone to allow access in wetlands.
6. Route 108 Property and brush hogging. Discussed brush hogging borders of field to widen field and to eliminate invasive species.
7. Reviewed town's application culvert replacement Kimball Road. Commission discussed introduction of invasive species. Commission discussed minimizing disturbance to avoid invasive species such as phragmites, purple loosestrife, Japanese Knotweed. Care should be taken to clean equipment before entering site. A plan should be in place for monitoring of invasive species and subsequent removal.
8. Property owners contact Syd interested in placing land into conservation and they were initially directed to SELT.
9. Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.