

Kensington Conservation Commission

September 12, 2023

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

Public Present: Sam Douglass

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

1. John Clark – Pam received email from John Clark who has relocated to Maine. Property adjacent to Hodges. Mr. Clark is interested in selling the property to the town. The Commission expressed an interest in future discussion.
2. Warrant Article – Pam indicated she is interested in a warrant article to raise funds for conservation, similar to what East Kingston has done. Pam will investigate further.
3. Forest Management Plan – Syd talked to Charlie Moreno. The updated plan is completed. Mr. Moreno asked about an additional forest inventory which would add \$750.00 to the cost. Pam suggested the commission look at what information was requested and what additional data would be available.
4. Beech sapling control. – The commission discussed Charlie Moreno's recommendation that the beech regrowth from stumps be sprayed since beech is a strong competitor in the forest. The commission expressed concern as to what material would be used to spray. Spray vs. manual cutting discussed.
5. Non-Public Session
6. Sam Douglass has been nominated by the Commission as a new member.
7. Land use Law Conference and environmental health conferences for those who are interested.
8. PSNH Alteration of Terrain for structural replacement of transmission line.
9. Budget 2024. The Commission voted for the 2024 to be the same as 2023, \$1,000.00 total. \$275.00 NHACC, \$125.00 SELT, \$100.00 ERLAC, \$500.00 for signs, notices for public hearings, etc.
10. American Featherfoil – a rare plant was been found by Vicky Brown on trail to Hodges. This plant has been reported to NH Natural Heritage Bureau.
11. Rider appraisal has been paid by the Conservation Fund.
12. August 2023 minutes approved.
13. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.