

Kensington Conservation Commission

February 13, 2024

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

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

1. Moulton Ridge Subdivision, 23 Moulton Ridge
Representatives of Gove Environmental Services, - Aspynn Kutz and Brandon Quigley
Barry Gier, Jones & Beach Engineering
Jeremy Smith, 19 Moulton Ridge Road Resident

Brandon Quigley presented the proposed 3 lot subdivision. Proposed lot 46.-3 involves a driveway crossing wetlands to access upland soils. The driveway would cross Hobbs Brook, require the disturbance of 4,789 sq ft of wetland and 13,039 of wetland buffer. The slope to the driveway going down to Hobbs Brook would be 10-12%. The driveway would be 12' wide and side slopes 3:1. At the Hobbs Brook crossing is very poorly drained soils. At the proposed crossing would be two 36" culverts. The other wetland area is forested wetland. The Commission discussed concerns: steep slope going down to brook, cutting of trees will increase flow, vernal pools important for wildlife, degradation of wetlands, impact on wetland, impact on wildlife, alteration of flow of water, concentrated flow of water, upstream beaver dam, potential flooding. The Commission will draft a letter outlining concerns to be forwarded to the Zoning Board and Planning Board. Zoning Board meeting is March 5th.

2. NHACC dues - The Commission discussed annual dues of \$250.00 to New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions. Syd made a motion and Andy seconded to pay from the administrative fund. All in favor.
3. ERLAC dues – The Commission discussed the annual dues to Exeter River Local Advisory Committee. Joan made a motion and Syd seconded to pay \$100 from the administrative fund. All in favor.
4. Conservation Easements on town property – Deb O'Day has volunteered to help scan documents.
5. John Clark Property - Pam is still trying to obtain the amount that the town spent in acquiring land that was donated to the town.
6. SELT Electronic Monitoring Reports of Conservation Lands – Deb O'Day to help set up electronic access through a website to provide public access.
7. Kimball Easement Monitoring Report – report mentioned campground that backs up to Kimbal property. No other issues.
8. Meeting House Hill- SELT conducted aerial monitoring, no issues.
9. Old Home Days - August 17th all day and August 18th in the morning. The town is looking for involvement from all organizations.
10. Rider Conservation Easement – no news.
11. Warrant article – no news.
12. Syd to draft annual report for Hodges to be provided to the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, the easement holder.
13. Minutes approved as amended, meeting adjourned 9:22.