

Kensington Conservation Commission

September 9, 2014

Members present: Sydnee Goddard, Bob Gustafson, Joan Skewes

Call to Order 7:40 pm

1. July minutes approved as with spelling corrections.
2. Eagle Scout Project – Syd and Collin Hopping walked the property to access the location of the new trail on Meeting House Hill property. The initial location was not a good siting due to slope and poison ivy. Syd contacted South East Land Trust regarding relocating the new trail to replace the existing trail. The Commission received a letter from the Southeast Land Trust regarding the rerouting of the trail to keep the trail entirely on town land is allowed under the easement language as part of the Eagle Scout Project. The new location of the trail is ideal and logs were placed on the old trail to block off the old trail to deter use. Collin still needs to blaze the trail and complete the sign.
3. Bob discussed receiving communication from Nicholas Coates, the President of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions, regarding metal detecting on Conservation land. Kensington Conservation Commission had voted to not allow metal detecting on town land. Mr. Coates discussed that other towns have not allowed metal detecting, the State of New Hampshire does not allow metal detecting on state lands. Mr. Coates discussed New Hampshire law, the land owner is the owner of the property including what could potentially be found with a metal detector. Also the digging for objects disturbs the land.
4. Follow up on tree fallen on Moulton Ridge Road. Syd did observe fallen tree. Syd contacted the town requesting Mr. DeBoisbrand to contact Syd. No contact was made, the Commission notes that the tree has been subsequently moved.
5. Syd to contact the town requesting monthly report of income for the Conservation Fund for the last 18 months.
6. Southeast Land Trust has indicated property owners are assessing different appraisal options.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.