

Kensington Conservation Commission

March 22, 2017

Members Present: Sydnee Goddard, Robert Gustavson, Joan Skewes

Call to Order: 7: 30 pm

1. February minutes approved with revisions.

2. Bodwell Easement – Northside of Stumpfield Road

Southeast Land Trust (SELT) has completed a great deal of fund raising for this project. The Commission discussed contributing funds from the Conservation Fund for this easement. A motion was made to expend \$100,000.00 from the Kensington Conservation Fund to support the easement. Motion passed. A public meeting may need to be held.

3. Schrempf Easement off of Wild Pasture Road

The Commission discussed that federal /state Wetland Reserve Easement funding needs to have a legal record of easement access. Attorney Tucker's office is researching proper right of way. SELT is investigating right of way issues.

3. DeFietas Easement off of Route 84

SELT will be re-submitting application for funding through Federal reserve sources.

4. Sydney met with Lenny Ford at Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) to evaluate invasive species along edge of fields at Hodges conservation lands. Invasive species such as honey suckle, buckthorn – common and glossy, multiflora rose and bittersweet were present. Estimate of \$2,400.00 was provided for control of invasive species with spot use of herbicide. Commission voted to expend \$2,400.00 from Hodges Trust for invasive species control. This estimate is considerably less than mechanical control and would still have had to use chemical control.

Meeting adjourned 8:30.

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