

Kensington Conservation Commission

July 13, 2021

Members Present: Sydnee Goddard, Bob Gustafson, Andrew Roberts, Joan Skewes

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

1. 152 Drinkwater Road – NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) is requesting a mitigation proposal since the trail construction at the back of the property is permanently impacting prime wetlands. The Commission discussed mitigation options and decided on invasive species control on the property considering the amount of phragmites and glossy buckthorn. Syd will forward the Commission's proposal to DES.
2. Planning Board Meeting – The Commission reviewed the Hogs Hill Reserve amended plans, subdivision on Wild Pasture Road, proposed subdivision is to divide 75 acres into 3 lots. The Commission discussed the existence of trails on the property and whether the trails would remain available. Commission also reviewed a subdivision on Dow Lane, splitting 4.33 acres into 2 acre lots.
3. Route 108 property owned by SAU School District – no update.
4. Hodges – bridge from Sawyer Park to Hodges, trail committee is not as active as it was. Trail Committee members have volunteered to construct bridge in location as approved the NH DES.
5. Groundwater Issues – Robert discussed that the Selectboard is concerned about the town's aquifer. The Commission discussed that the state and federal agencies may have data available for interpretation. The Commission suggested the town hire a hydrologist to review existing the data and provide a report to the town.
6. Syd reported that the Moulton Ridge trails off of Route 108 need to be re-blazed.
7. Beaver Control – The Commission discussed a proposal for town wide control of beavers and the need for the town to develop a comprehensive plan.
8. Community News – The article regarding the easement on the Moulton Ridge property has been sent as a submission.
9. Conservation Next Steps – Syd and Andy met, reviewed maps, history of easements and overlays. They discussed a means to evaluate properties for protection , reviewing

property attributes such as master plan data, rural character, trails, scenic beauty, soils, connection to other conserved property, rare habitat, development potential/risk, owner's interest in conserving lands.

10. Matt Armstrong, the town's road agent attended the meeting. Matt has met with Tracey Degnan at Rockingham County Conservation District to discuss invasive species and techniques for control.
11. The Commission reviewed the easement monitor reports for the following properties: York, Kimball, Bodwell, Boudreau-Yardley, Sawyer, Rezendes and Smith.
12. June minutes were approved.
13. Meeting adjourned 9:10 p.m.