

Kensington Conservation Commission

October 8, 2019

Members Present: Sydney Goddard, Robert Gustafson, Pam Holland, Joan Skewes

Selectperson: Vanessa Rozier

1. Call to Order : 7:33 p.m.
2. Properties Offered for Conservation:

Paul White was in attendance. The Commission has reviewed property on tax map. Mr. White owns land in Great Meadows and adjacent to the Hodges Conservation land. Syd discussed with the Select board to discuss that individuals are interested in donating land to the town. The Select board indicated that they would need more definitive costs and information on how it would affect the tax base. SELT gave a rough estimate of \$1,000.00 for title search. Vanessa indicated that she would check with a contact who may be able to provide an estimate for title search and drafting deed. Palm to make contact with Debra Hearn and Kathy Felch about getting definitive costs.

3. 152 Drinkwater Road

Abutters to the project were in attendance and expressed frustration with the after the fact application for wetlands disturbance. Cutting and disturbance has affected adjacent property with water flowing onto adjacent property. The commission explained that the violations on the back land have been reported to NH DES. Wetlands have to be mapped. The planning board is looking for recommendations from the Conservation Commission. Vanessa discussed the approval process. Syd read letter outlining recommendations which will be forwarded to the planning board. Conservation Commission members will attend the planning board meeting.

4. Hodges Conservation Area

Beaver activity update: Palm has names of three beaver trappers. Pam will make contact to see who is interested, what they charge and arrange for future meeting with the Commission.

Haying Agreement: Hodges is partially mowed and baled. Syd to talk to Chris Batchelder about communicating with the Bodwells.

Unauthorized trail sign and blazing on Hodges. The Commission discussed working with the Trails Committee to attend a Conservation Commission meeting to discuss work needed on property, removal of unauthorized signs and blazing.

5. Route 108 Town Property

The Commission discussed a funding mechanism for putting a permanent easement on the Route 108 property. A motion was made to present a letter to the Select Board and pay for the easement costs as described by the estimate prepared by SELT from Conservation Fund if adequate funding is available.

6. Every Drop Clean Water Movement – tabled.

Vanessa discussed water testing day, discount rates would be offered for water testing.

7. Seabrook Shooting Range

The Seabrook Select Board has agreed to refrain from additional excavation until the permit is addressed the Select Board.

8. Fire Pond Drinkwater Road – no update.

9. Mail The Commission received a letter from DES to Hal and Elaine Bodwell regarding forestry notification for property on Wild Pasture Road.

Meeting adjourned: 9:45 p.m.