

Kensington Conservation Commission

July 14, 2020

Zoom Meeting due to Covid 19

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

Vanessa Rozier

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

1. The Commission reviewed the June 9th and June 17th meeting minutes and approved as revised.
2. Hodges – Unauthorized use
A letter has been drafted which will be mailed to the abutter of Hodges requesting the abutter return the boundary stones to their original location. The Selectboard will need to convene for next course of action.
3. 152 Drinkwater Road
The Society for the Protection of NH Forests has written a letter indicating the concerns of the abutter are not valid. The letter indicates no additional trees have been cut, no cutting of additional trails, no gravel on trails, no additional acreage cleared. Syd will contact the Society for Protection of NH Forests to request that the Commission be kept in the loop and the Commission be allowed to visit the site when reclamation is completed. The Commission discussed that the Society and NH DES are the entities that have authority over the work done at the site and are responsible to insure wetlands are remediated properly. Vanessa has indicated that the site plan has been approved. If the drainage is constructed according to the plan there should be no effect on the abutter. The town's engineer periodically inspects the site.
4. Diversity and Equality Efforts
The Commission members attended the Selectboard meeting. A new Commission is being formed and a mission statement will be drafted and circulated. People will be brainstorming avenues in town to address diversity and equality. The event that brought this issue to light was explained as follows: there were complaints of cars being parked in strange places. Someone called the police about a car parked near the pond on Trundle Bed Road. The police responded, two officers, one was a trainee.

The Commission also discussed that the Diversity Commission should discuss signage throughout the town not just on conservation lands.
5. Hodges
Beaver and Bridge Construction- An abutter to the Moulton Ridge proposed bridge does not meet the distance set back and he would object to a waiver from the setback requirement. Robert Chase is investigating whether the bridge meets the definition of a structure. The proposed bridge from the town park to Hodges would be extensive and cost thousands of dollars so that project is on hold.

Forestry- Charlie Moreno has started marking trees. Next the logger will look at the marked trees to give an estimate of value. Charlie Moreno hopes to have agreement between town and logger for the next Selectboard meeting.

No Hunting Signs – no update.

Invasive Plant Removal – Syd received approval for spraying invasive Swallow Wort from abutter. Contact information will be forwarded to the Rockingham Conservation District.

6. Moulton Ridge Easement Update

Phase 1 of the environmental assessment has been completed and there are no hazards identified. Title search is clear. Robert G brought up the issue as to whether easements across the Moulton Ridge property have been identified. There has been historical use by an abutter when he logged.

7. Unutil Hazard Tree Removal

Unutil has indicated that trees on Stumpfield Road and other scenic roads will not be cut as intensively, such as they did Route 150. If there is a hazardous tree to be removed the landowner will be contacted to obtain permission to cut.

8. Pollinator Pathways and Conservation Commission Website

Andy has compiled a Facebook page for the Conservation Commission. Pollinator Pathway information has been posted on the website.

9. White Property –tabled.

10. New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commission dues for 2020 is \$275.00.

The Commission voted to approve expending the funds from the administrative budget.

11. The Commission voted to expend \$125.00 for SELT from the administrative budget.

12. Other business: The Commission discussed that Hog's Hill property has been sold to a developer. The property is in excess of 300 acres. Having this property in the hands of a developer is tragic.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

