

Kensington Conservation Commission

November 9, 2021

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

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

1. Community News – The Commission discussed potential new articles for the Community News, possibly an explanation of the responsibilities of the Conservation Commission.
2. Conservation Next Steps Syd contacted SELT regarding a letter the Commission may send to property owners to see if they are interested in protecting their lands permanently with a conservation easement. For the December Conservation meeting the Commission will review town maps to discuss future protection goals. The Commission also discussed collaborating with the SELT and the town Heritage Commission. Pam will contact Lynne Munroe of the Heritage Commission.
3. Easement for Trimble Trail. The Commission needs to review the easement language. Syd to contact the town to obtain easement language. The Commission needs language to determine the Commission's obligations.
4. Warrant Article - The Conservation Commission is currently receiving 25 % of the current use change tax. The Commission discussed proposing a warrant article for the Conservation Commission to receive 100%. With 25 % the funds accumulate at a very slow rate. We will need the town to run a report on the current use change tax figures, determine the year the Conservation Commission portion was reduced and what dollar amount the town receives.
5. The Community Power Coalition – the Commission discussed what the town of Exeter is working on and how it supports sustainable energy sources.
6. Ross/ York Field - The Commission received a status report for the wetlands in the front corner of the property adjacent to Drinkwater Road. Marc Jacobs, wetland scientist, indicated the wetland plants are growing according to the plan.
7. New Conservation Chair – Syn would like to resign as the Chair. The Commission discussed the responsibilities of the chair.

8. Planning Board Language change for the creation of a non-buildable lot. The Commission is not in support of the proposed language. It appears it is being drafted for one special circumstance and is concerned how it would be applied throughout the town.
9. The Commission reviewing the monitoring report for the Moulton Ridge Property. Two abutters are encroaching on the property. One with a brush pile, the other with a boat. Joan will contact the town to obtain the name of the property owners. and draft a letter to the abutters.
10. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.