

Kensington Conservation Commission
95 Amesbury Road
Kensington, NH 03833
June 14, 2022
Minutes

Members present: Robert Gustafson, Sydnee Goddard, Courtney Prenata, Pam Holland

1. Called to order 7:47pm
2. Town citizen Elaine Bodwell asked questions regarding the cease and desist issued by the select board for the recent logging on Wild Pasture road. It was issued because the logging disturbed the wetland buffer. Pam explained the process that was followed and why.
3. Discussed the trail race scheduled for Old Home Days. Most of the trail portion of the race follows trails on Charles Hodges Conservation Area, but some of it crosses private property. Courtney is working with landowners to obtain permission to pass over their property. There were issues with the online registration. Registration fees were hard to collect using the town system. An alternative collection method was used. Runners could also make donations for the town land conservation fund.
4. Courtney reported on the foot bridge construction on Charles Hodges conservation area. The bridge allows access into Hodges from the trail across from Sawyer Park. Volunteers from town and the conservation and trails committees completed the bridge on Sat June 11. A DES wetland permit was obtained prior to construction. Private funding was used to purchase the materials for the bridge. Signs still need to be purchased and installed along the trail instructing walkers to stay on the trail because it is a sensitive wetland habitat.
5. Pam suggested we have a Kensington Conservation Commission table at Old Home Days to raise awareness of the work that the commission does.
6. Some people camped on Charles Hodges Conservation Area and had a campfire. As stated in the conservation easement for this property, camping is not allowed. This has been reported to Chief True.
7. Pam suggested that every member of the commission get a KCC e-mail address (gmail). Andy set up a general KCC e-mail address. When someone sends an e-mail, an automated reply is generated saying when the commission meets. All members should have access to this e-mail account.
8. Sydnee has contacted Kathleen Felch about having a location in town hall for the conservation commission files. The preference is to have this location accessible during conservation commission meetings and at other times so that any commission members can get to the files.
9. Motion made to buy 1 copy of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) handbook using the conservation commission's administrative budget. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.
10. Charlie Moreno is going to meet Sydnee (possibly Courtney and Linda Bennett too) at 11:30 on June 16 to revisit the results of 2020 logging in Charles Hodges Conservation

Area and check on both tree recruitment and the American Beech regrowth.

Unfortunately, beech can stump and root sprout and take over after a tree harvest unless it is controlled.

11. Adjourned at 9:10pm.