

Kensington Conservation Commission
July 12, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Pam Holland, Robert Gustafson, Joan Skewes, Courtney Preneta, Andy Roberts

1. Meeting call to order 8:00 p.m. due to joint meeting with Selectboard prior.
2. Wild Pasture Clear Cut – land owner was to attend Conservation Commission meeting in June to discuss wetland mitigation. Land owner did not attend the meeting. Land owner was amenable to installing soil erosion control measures. DES has indicated that land owner has hired a soil and timber specialist.
3. Old Home Days – Courtney reported that the race is in one month. Sponsorship funds raised should cover fixed costs. Net monies to be donated to the Conservation Commission. Courtney met with Fire and Police to discuss safety concerns. There is a request for volunteers to help on race day.
4. Old Home Day Conservation Education – perhaps easement pamphlet and conservation land maps at table.
5. Foot bridge connecting Sawyer Field to Hodges – Bridge has been completed. Courtney working on funding.
6. Beavers at Hodges – still an issue. Foot bridge from Moulton Ridge Road will not be constructed as beaver activity has impacted the site and permit is no longer valid.
7. Kensington Conservation Commission – there will be an official email site on the town's website that members can check for updates, notices. Commission also discussed members having separate email address for commission purposes.
8. Kensington Conservation Commission – Syd and Kathy are discussing where files will be located so the commission has access.
9. Next Steps – tabled.
10. Scope of Work – tabled.
11. Walk of Hodges with Forester Charlie Moreno - Charlie Moreno was concerned about invasive bed straw growing on back field, Syd spoke to Chris Batchelder who has since mowed the fields. Charlie discussed beech saplings thriving which can be a problem but other areas are doing well with new growth.
12. Next meeting August 9th.
13. Gavutis Intent to cut – discussed need to ask whether wetland, slope and soil erosion measures are an issue.
14. Moulton Ridge Conservation Land – SELT wrote letter to land to landowners regarding encroachment and it appears abutters are interested in resolving issues.
15. May minutes approved.
16. Meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m.