

Kensington Conservation Commission

November 12, 2019

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

Selectperson: Vanessa Rozier

1. Call to Order 7:30 p.m.
2. Minutes accepted October 1, 2019, minutes accepted with revisions October 8, 2019.

3. Request for Utility Easement across land under conservation easement.

A landowner on Powder Mill Road requested a utility easement to power lines over conservation land. Language in easement does not support this activity. SELT was consulted.

4. 152 Drinkwater Road

Planning board approved a Conditioned Approval. The Commission reviewed the Rockingham Planning Commission Memorandum. Marc Jacobs wrote an email to NH DES regarding erosion in recently cut area.

5. Trails Committee

Robert Chase and Chris Carr attended the Conservation meeting. The members discussed activity on the Hodges Conservation land such as replacing hunting signs, cleaning up existing trails on Hodges. There has been unapproved trail cutting, blazing and placement of signs on Hodges. The trails committee will meet with Syd to discuss activity on approved trails. Also discussed property owned by the town off of Route 108.

Robert Chase to contact residents regarding unapproved activity on town owned land such as unapproved trail cutting, blazing, placement of signs, and use of motorized vehicles.

Beaver activity- Syd met with landowner whose property is being affected by flooding. The Committee will be obtaining estimates for trapping and will be communicating with other affected landowners about trapping.

6. Warrant article for town owned land off of Route 108.

The Committee discussed placing a permanent conservation easement on the property. Also discussed estimates for legal costs received from SELT. Syd to obtain more definitive figure from SELT.

7. Properties offered for Conservation. The Committee reviewed wording of the draft warrant article. Discussed need to add the tax impact.

8. Hodges – forestry – Charlie Moreno is busy until spring.

Haying – Chris Batchelder to communicate with Hal Bodwell about removing wood ash and old hay bales.

Invasive treatment- most recent invoice is being paid and half the amount is being paid the Society for the Protection of NH Forests.

9. Unitil tree spraying. Tabled for further discussion.

10. Every Drop Clean Water Movement. Tabled for further discussion.

11. Salt shed Invasive Species Treatment – RCCD wants to meet with DPW to discuss best management practices in order for the town to obtain additional funding. Joan to contact Dave Buxton.

Meeting adjourned 9:55 p.m.