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Kensington Conservation Commission

February 21, 2023

Members Present: Pam Holland, Robert Gustafson, Andy Roberts, Joan Skewes, Sydney Goddard

7:34 Meeting call to order

**Unitil Right Of Way Clearing-** Mike Ingham for Wright Tree Service discussed that he was contracted through Unitiel to cut the right of way through the Great Meadows. All off road cutting will be by mechanical means. Width of right of way is established 20 feet from outside power line. Hazard trees will be removed. He is required to fill in any ruts made in wetlands. Mr. Ingham indicated erosion control measures will be used. Care will be taken not to spread invasive species and to protect endangered species. Pam requested the section of the contract pertaining to erosion control, invasive and protected species. The cutting will occur in May or June. Pam requested copy of the map. Work performed will be within the hours addressed in the noise ordinance.

**Closed session with representative of SELT.**

**52 Wild Pasture Road** - Commission discussed intended beaver dam removal and discussed the New Hampshire statute RSA 210:9 and the FAQ section on the Fish and Game website. In addition the land owner must file an after the fact Alteration of Terrain permit with DES. The Commission discussed the need for the the planning board or town engineer to review the Alteration of Terrain plans. Joan Skewes and Syd Goodard suggested a joint meeting between the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board to discuss land development issues. Pam discussed reviewing Exeter's Subdivision ordinance.

**Cell Tower on Moulton Ridge Road-** Joan Skewes indicated there was going to be a balloon test at the site. A red balloon will be raised to allow residents to view the visibility of the cell tower. Time will be posted on the town website. March 4th weather permitting, March 5th back up date.

**Large Groundwater withdraw application by the town of Kensington.** Proposed well is off Drinkwater Road in land owned by Exeter Academy. A public hearing will be held to provide

information and take comments.

**DES Restoration at 152 Drinkwater Road-** DES has approved the wetland restoration plan.

**East Kingston has a warrant article for a 4 million dollar bond for open space.**

**Conservation Next Steps** - six letters drafted by Sydney have been sent to property owners.

**Warrant Article to transfer two lots in the Great Meadows will be up for vote.**

**Hodges Forest Management Plan** - waiting to hear from Charlie Moreno on beech sapling control.

**January minutes reviewed and accepted.**

**Next scheduled meeting March 14th at 7:30 at the library.**

**Meeting adjourned 10:10 p.m.**