

Kingston Conservation Minutes: Dec. 8, 2016

Meeting called to order: 7pm

Attending: Evy Nathan, Marghi Bean, Jeff Sluder, Bob Smith

Guests: Walt Roy, Carol Croteau

Secretary's Report:

Amendment to last month's minutes: Bob Smith had questioned the placement of a cellar hole on a North Road construction site, but it was not on the property in question. November's mention of cellar hole on North Road to be struck from the record.

Treasurers Report:

Accepted

Communications:

Sign/Trails Report:

The Manuel property (LCHIP) has had problems over the years with the filling of wetlands along the driveway with yard debris, and the placement of boats and boat trailers. A new property survey is necessary to clarify lines before an official letter is sent to Fidlers. Jeff has been working with Dennis Quintal to have the survey done.

Valley Lane: Evy, Walt, and Ernie Landry cleared away brush to make the trail markers obvious, and added more red trail markers. Work needs to be done on the blue trail as well.

Trail Passport Project: An article praising the trail passport system was posted on findmytrail.org

The library has also promoted the TPS on their homepage. **Action item: We must find an ice cream supplier until What's the Scoop re-opens in spring.**

Evy met with Emma Carcagno and Fred Borman to discuss info and paperwork needed for the 'Trails Alliance'. This information will be added to a database of information for GRANIT. The forms need to be completed in January; Evy will be calling a work party after the holidays.

Planning Board/ DES:

The town is working with DES to clean up the wetlands fill that the Cockerline family (44 Marshall Rd)

The PB determined that not enough has been done to clean up the property at ECSI (Rte 125) and their site plan/permit has been revoked.

New & Ongoing Business:

James Guevin may do an Eagle Scout Project at ET's Landing. Evy asked the Commission whether they think there should be a hiker sign at the Landing trailhead on New Boston Road. She has priced the signs out at around \$50, but it was decided to wait until spring, when the sign can be installed as part of the Scout project.

DJ Bakie herbarium project will continue in spring.

There are still problems at Acorn Drive/Rockrimmon conservation land with ATVs. Selectman Peter Broderick suggested that Jersey barriers be positioned at the trailhead on Acorn to allow wheelchair access, but block OHRV's.

Old business:

The boy scouts removed a number of tires from the Sargent Nature Conservancy property, and placed the rubbing post for the Trail Passport System at ET's Landing, as this year's public service project. The CC presented them with a \$50 gift certificate for a pizza party in thanks.

Evy gave a synopsis of 2 workshops she attended at the NHCCA yearly meeting. Marghi will give hers in January.

Bucket list

Action Item - we need to begin to note locations of all vernal pools in Kingston for new GRANIT maps.

Acorn / Rockrimmon is the only large piece of property in town that is not designated as a town Forest. KCC would be responsible for forest management if such a move were approved. Evy will determine the process for the adoption of a new town forest. SELT already holds an easement, but the town owns the property.

SELT and FOKOS update: Walt Roy

Much barbed wire was removed at one of the properties.

Next Meeting - Jan. 5, 2017