

Kingston Conservation Commission Minutes, April 6, 2017
(Transcribed by Evy from Bob Smith's notes, as our secretary is on hiatus until June.)

7:00 PM

Attending:

Evy Nathan, Marghi Bean, Jeff Sluder, Bob Smith, Ken Twombly (without an "e")

Guest: Geoff Harris

Motion made and seconded to accept March minutes

Budget : Jeff Sluder

Milfoil testing line will be removed next month

Some receipts for supplies given to Jeff by Evy

New Business:

Vote to replace stolen turtle crossing sign passed: \$32 per sign

Evy distributed formula for point system for wetland buffers (NH method)

Geoff Harris, of Camp Lincoln, expressed a desire to join the Commission and will send a letter to the selectmen

Emily Calhoun, who could not be here tonight, sent an email with her qualifications, expressing a desire to join

We have started a hiking group in collaboration with the Kingston Community Library on Sunday afternoons at 1:00. The library is pleased, and attendance is ramping up since the snow is dwindling..

Signs, Trails:

Jeff to laminate hunter/hiker signs for Valley Lane

Muddy section of Frye Town Forest discussed again. Evy believes this may qualify for a grant from ARM (aquatic resources mitigation) for wetland restoration.

There was a discussion of posting signs needed for the new trapping ban.

The signs will state "no trapping" only, citing the ordinance, and including a town contact number. Volunteers from NH Voices for Wildlife have offered to help place signs.

We still need to obtain written permission to put up the ET's Landing sign.

Planning Board, DES:

Magnusson mini mall on Rte 125. Preliminary plans. As of now, no phases approach any jurisdictional wetlands. No comment.

All American Assisted Living: The main building encroaches on the wetland buffer boundary. Several design features are also within the boundary. Evy sent comments from the CC to the Planning Board expressing concern about the encroachment, and suggesting that wildlife habitat should be considered as a mitigating factor affecting the boundary buffer.

Other business:

Evy will attend Saving Special Places conference.

Marghi will attend Coverts in April.

Coverts Great Volunteer Getaway will be in June, Evy and Marghi will go.

School projects:

The sophomore team vernal pool project will begin on May 1 and 2nd with Michael and Patrick Seekamp in the classroom, the first field day will be on May 11, 9-12 (probably less time). Volunteers will be needed for chaperones.

Herbarium project: Most of last year's specimens have been ID'ed. The 5th grade will complete this project. The school is working directly with the museum committee.

Ken Twombly made a donation to the Walter Burns Memorial Fishing Day for Special Children on our behalf! We're honored that he did so! It's a worthy cause! We received a placard in thanks, which will go on our "wall of fame" in the town hall. Thank you Ken!!

Adjourned, 8:30

Next meeting May 4

