

Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes - February 7, 2013

Attending: Evy Nathan, Dave Ingalls, Marghi Bean, Carol Croteau, Bill Waters,
Guests: Diane Coll, Michael Sallade, George Korn, Walt Roy, Bill Waters

Minutes were accepted.

The Treasurer's report was not available.

Note from Evy: There is money in the KCC budget if members have the opportunity to go to a seminar or conference. This also would cover expenses for such things as the Photo Contest.

Bill Waters was welcomed as a new KCC member.

1. Visiting Speakers:

Ron Klemarcsyk gave a presentation about the management of the Frye Rd. Town Forest. This property is located in the south west section of Kingston. There are 36 acres that will be involved in the selective cut that is in discussion.

- This harvest is aimed at multi use for the forest.

- Since the last estimate of work required and resulting money achieved from the cut there has been a lot of recent natural damage in this forest.

 - 2008 -ice storm

 - 2010 - Windstorm

 - 2011 - Damaging Oct. snow

 - 2012 - 2012 Super Storm Sandy

- The quality of the wood stock at Frye Rd. is not the best. Many of the trees are growing on shallow soils which produce poorer tree quality. Due to the recent storms many trees are stressed and dying or blown down. In general the forest is in a deteriorating condition.

- The market for selling timber currently is not good. KCC would probably realize one half of the previous estimated revenue on a selective cut.

- The decision was made to revisit the Frye Rd. property this summer, ...see what the market is doing price-wise and probably go ahead with this cut.

- Comment was also made that the "tire dump" property might be used for a log yard which would lower the operating costs of this project.

Diane Coll spoke about the Pow Wow Pond cleanup to take place on June 1st.

- This will be a collaboration with the KCC, 8 Property owners on the pond and the the Pow Wow Pond Council.

- At SRHS there are 60 students who will be involved with a curriculum-wide watershed project on Pow Wow Pond. Sarah Sallade is the environmental sciences teacher at the H.S. The project will involve making rain gardens and buffer zones on properties on the lake . This should help keep run off chemicals and salts from flowing into the lake. The focus of these efforts is to try to reduce the weed growth in the pond.

George Korn spoke about the warrant article for the establishment of a Heritage Commission in Kingston and how he hoped that the Historic District Commission, the

KCC and the Heritage Commission could work together in the town as we have many of the same goals.

2. Correspondance:

The Ridgewood dock permits have been issued.

The Rockingham Co. Planning Commission has proposed public transportation projects.

3. New Business:

Brief discussion about the need for ideas for the Green Infrastructure Program for the Little River.

Help needed for the Photo Contest.

Possible purchase of a lot on Pow Wow Pond that would give access to the pond. A letter has been sent to the property owner. This needs more information.

4. Old Business

Map research with Ernie Landry was successful

Grant sources for the project with Sarah Sallade need more research.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Next meeting on March 7th