

Kingston Conservation Commission
Minutes Jan. 9, 2014

Called to Order: 7pm

Attending: Evy Nathan, Paul Blais, Marghi Bean, Bruce Cliff, Jeff Sluder, Amanda Moulaison,
Guests: George Korn, selectman for Kingston, and Walt Roy

Minutes: Dec. 2013 - accepted

Treasurer's Report

- Jeff has volunteered to help with spread sheets and budget summaries. Paul will ask if Jeff can be a signatory for the checking account in Paul's absence.

Correspondence:

- A letter from Sharon Farrington, Greater Federation of Women's Clubs in Exeter has been received. This group has recognized Kingston Conservation as an organization they would like to assist with a donation. A proposal was to use the donation to purchase saplings for an Arbor Day project with DJ Bakie School.
- Emma Carcagno has offered the "Taking Action for Wildlife Assistance Program" to Kingston. There are various categories of assistance in this program but it was agreed that the category under "outreach and education" probably fits Kingston's needs best. One suggestion was working on a habitat for New England cottontails in the Green Road/Fairgrounds area. Other ideas include a Spofford Point (Powwow Pond) pull out for kayaks and wildlife viewing area, and a butterfly garden.
- The NH Coverts Project & Conference will be on May 7-10. Michael Dostie would like to attend. Evy will submit his name.

Planning Board plans for review:

- PSNH Sub Station - no comment
- Holsipple, Cooper's Grove Rd., septic - No Comment

New Business:

- Hunt Tire Dump: clean up plans for spring/summer
 - 1) Are the 2 acres physically hazardous to hikers? Could the town be liable if injuries occur, esp. as it abuts a town forest?
 - 2) Are any chemicals leeching into soils and water?
 - 3) We feel the tire dump is an eyesore, and should not be left as is.In the Spring 2014 the CC will post a sign to make hikers are aware of pending clean up efforts.
 - 5) Evy has been calling to find manpower for the clean up, possibly Rockingham Corrections Dept., and to find recycling resources. Rich St. Hilaire has offered to haul away collected tires and debris.

Evy has proposed a clean up in collaboration with ESRLAC.
at the SLS Little River site on Rt. 125 for Earth Day in April,

We will conduct a walk on the Back Road Town Forest as soon as weather permits, to assess existing trails. There is also garbage at this site that could be pulled out to Back Road for the road agent to collect

The town Clerk has been asked by residents for trail maps. We will try to make current maps available through the town site via PDF files, and as soon as we are able to begin forest walks again in spring, we will GPS trails and upload them to the Kingston website. FOKOS maps are now available via the Conservation page link.

Having a hiking trail in or around a field was discussed. Marghi offered to contact Irving Woodman to see if we could use the perimeter of his hayfield on Shore Dr.

GPS and map printing software are now available for use.

Evy has submitted the Annual Report.

There will be a wine and cheese gathering at Evy's house at a date still to be announced in March.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Next meeting is on Feb. 6, 2014 - 7pm at the Kingston Community Library