

Kingston Conservation Commission Minutes Aug. 9, 2014

Meeting called to order 11:10 am

Attending: Andrea Kenter, Jeff Sluder, Marghi Bean, And Evy Nathan

Minutes from July accepted

Treasurer' report accepted with note that Milfoil money goes into budget in March after town meeting as it is a warrant article. Cost of the photography show was discussed, as application fees didn't cover the cost of prizes. It was the feeling of the Commission that the show was a good enough public relations tool to continue.

Jeff will meet with Paul Blais and will officially become our treasurer on Wed. A question was raised about our checking account and how the town handles our money. We need to have the information on how our money is held clarified

Planning Board plans for review/ DES applications/permits:

- Torromeo wetlands restoration of wetlands permit has been received and approved by DES.
- Debra & Daniel Bartley 70 & 72 Hunt Rd. R6 lot 8 are requesting a lot line adjustment. This is a minor adjustment. No comment.
- Dr. Shuman is applying for a change of use as he is starting a dental assisting school on Saturdays. No comment.
- DES Jeffrey & Monique family trust, 6 Sands Lane. This is an approved shoreline impact permit for a septic system, build a garage and do a driveway. No comment.

Correspondence:

- Charlie Hannagan re: wildlife refuge. This property is to be kept totally wild. There are additional signs to be put up to keep the public off the property. "The property is for the animals"
- (C. Hannagan) KCC does have permission to monitor it once a year. It was decided to include this property when we do the Fall LCHIP walks.
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Brief discussion of an idea of creating a town system for four wheelers.

Michael Dostie has installed the David E Ingalls Loop Trail. Appreciation for a beautiful and natural, artistic sign was expressed.

Contact was made with VMS Co. to spray the Knotweed at Frye Forest. A vote was taken to approve the cost of \$800 for this work. It is approximately an acre to be treated. Evy will check to see if there is a follow up treatment. It was voted on and agreed to that if there is no retreatment it still needs to be done now. Forest fund will cover the cost of this.

VLAP reports on Kingston's lakes are showing approximately the same results as last year.

Hiker sign for Hunt Rd & Valley lane is to be ordered. It was decided that it definitely needs an arrow to point out the entrance to the town forest. There have been problems with this sign. The last sign was small and was stolen after a few months. It was voted on and agreed to buy two signs for the Hunt Rd./ Valley Lane location. Outlay of \$250-300 needed. Discussion was where to find the money in the budget. It was agreed that supply line would cover it.

Jeff is still working on the Ernie Hunt Tire Dump story so a sign can be made. In his research it's seems that Ernie Hunt still lives in Danville. We need to find out the bottom line of the lawsuit against him.

Last month there was a DES wetlands application for the Prescott location. On Aug. 2nd there was an Open House at the Grist Mill on Little River Rd. The owners have plans to rebuild the gristmill and the dam. There have been some complaints from abutters. There will be DES involvement and KCC will be following this process.

Evy has found someone to build a website for KCC.

New Business:

ESRLAC is having its next meeting at Kingston Library on Aug. 26th. KCC should have a reasonable presence at the meeting.

Erosion at the Kingston Recreation site is a problem and needs to be addressed at some point.

This year Evy's is doing a program with the children at recreation about recycling and the impact of recycling. Evy might do a field day at Three Maples next year

Evy plans to work with the schools directly for next year's photo contest. Perhaps it can be a project within the class schedules.

Old and on-going business:

Photo contest was again a success. We hope to have more people enter next year.

Action item: find a way to start a forestry committee.

Meeting adjourned on 12:25 pm

Next meeting is Sept. 4, 2014