

Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes Sept. 4, 2014

Meeting called to order 7: 11pm

Conversation prior to the meeting concerned the fact that David Ingalls, long time member and on and off chair of Kingston Conservation, was killed in an accident while flying his plane on Monday. He will be much missed as a friend and as a guiding light in the conservation efforts in Kingston.

Attending: Andrea Kenter, Marghi Bean, Evy Nathan, Michael Dostie, Bruce Cliff, Jeff Sluder

Also in attendance: Walt Roy

Aug. 2014 Minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report

In order for Jeff to take over as Treasurer for KCC we need a vote for Jeff to become treasurer.

A motion was made, seconded and carried for Jeff Sluder to become the new treasurer, replacing Paul Blais. Many gracious thanks to Paul for his years of faithful service as treasurer.

Jeff will need a copy of the minutes to show to the bank.

Discussion of the budget followed.

Though the photo contest cost slightly more than it made, we hope participation will increase. It is a good public outreach for conservation. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made and passed.

Correspondence

The state conference NHACC will be on Nov. 1st. Evy will be giving a TED Talk and also be a workshop presenter with Sarah Sallade, biology teacher at SRHS.

South East Land Trust mailer explains the merging with Strafford Rivers Conservancy and other news.

Jeff Taylor from CVS- explaining the method of spraying the Fry Forest Knotweed. \$800 - Repeat treatment will be needed next year and following years. Action item is contacting VCS in the spring about this.

Ellen Falconer - Kingston Planning Board - acknowledging the need to notify KCC what changes have been made on plans returned to us?

NH Tree Farmer flyer for reading. Evy's comment: Dave Ingalls was an avid tree farmer and all the town forests are Tree Farms because of his careful management of the forests. Bob French is the featured article. He is a driving force in Tree Farming here in Kingston and in the state.

New Business

Plans to commemorate Dave we will plant native perennials around Dave's Loop Sign out in the VL town forest. We're giving a restaurant gift certificate to the Ingalls family. Evy is going to put some native flowers

and tree leaves together for Dave's memorial service, and we will make him the subject of next year's Arbor Day tree planting..

Site Walk on the Prescott property

It was decided at the ESRLAC meeting on Aug. 26th, that a group from conservation, dam bureau, ESRLAC would be better than just a single person to go do the site walk at the Prescott property.

Trash at ET's Landing

Large Construction Trash...need town truck? Too much for the scouts to handle. How to get the trash out... *Needs to be investigated by a walk to see. Jeff & Evy*

Note-- clean up at Mill Pond that the scouts did is still looking very nice, Signs for Ann Hannigan Wildlife Preserve need to be put up sooner than later. Mike Dostie is willing to install them if told where to put them. *Evy will meet with Rich St. Hilaire to figure it out.*

Site walks with Debbie Goard from SELT.

Tues. Sept. 9th meet at Town Hall @9:30 Will walk Back Road and Frye Forest

LCIP walks 2014 - after leaves fall probably late Oct. There are 5 LCIP properties in Kingston

ERLAC meeting was well attended and very informative.

Hiker signs -

These signs will replace stolen sign near Valley Lane. Will be two signs with arrows pointing to the trail head. Andrea will pick up the signs when they are finished.

Ernie Hunt sign

Jeff is still working on this project. Target date next spring after the ground thaws.

Planning Board plans for review/DES Applications/permits

PB/Camp Lincoln

Wants to build a tree house at the edge of the ball field - no comment

PB/White Cedar Farm

Building a green house - no comment

DES/ 36 Rt. 125 Misery Hill permit application

This is a wetlands permit. We need to walk on this property to see exactly what is happening. No owner is listed and there is a sign saying no admittance. The date for comments ended on 9/3/14. Purpose for permit may be dredging but end result of work is unclear. *Evy will follow up.*

DES/ Trendezza alteration of terrain permit application
Letter acknowledging receipt of application

Discussion of removal of the targets that are in Bayberry Pond area. Phil Auger said he would follow through. *Walt will check.*

Marghi Bean announced that the Federal Wetland Reserve Program has accepted 20-30 acres (to be surveyed) of the Bean property for a permanent easement. Congratulations were offered. This is now a large contiguous piece of permanent open space.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 mpm

Next meeting: Oct. 9th - 7pm