

Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes - Feb. 5, 2015

Called to order 7:06

Attending: Bob Smith, Ken Twombly, Andrea Kenter, Bruce Cliff, Evy Nathan, Jeff Sluder, Marghi Bean, Dave Smith
Guest: Walt Roy, Diane Coll

Minutes: from Jan. were approved

Treasurer's Report: no changes until the budget is approved in March.

Pow Wow Pond Council presentation by Diane Coll : concerning Milfoil

There is Warrant article # 27 on this year's ballot asking for money for Milfoil treatment of Pow Wow Pond. Asking for \$17,280 - for two treatments. The past 'diver assisted' treatment of 2014 was not effective. The treatment was good but the Milfoil returned after a short time. It was worse than ever.

Money from last year's second treatment has been held for this year. A treatment of liquid and granular 24D chemical will be used twice next spring and fall. (2015) The only thing affected by this chemical is the Milfoil. There was good discussion about how Milfoil survives and spreads. The Council is working in educating boaters, landowners and communities members about the Milfoil problem.

The state will match the Kingston share of the treatment expense. Total is \$26,883 this is an increase in expense but there are two treatments being done.

There was good discussion about Milfoil and how it affects the ecology. There is no part of Pow Wow Pond that is not susceptible to Milfoil as it is a shallow pond.

The goal of the treatment is to get it to the point where the Milfoil can be contained without drastic chemical treatments.

Correspondence:

Kyle Gelina sent a thank you note to KCC for our help in his Eagle Scout award. Kyle reconstructed the trails and made signage and maps in the Frye Town Forest.

Jay Smith - leader of Troop 93 Boy Scouts. Jay's son Andrew Smith is looking for a project for an Eagle Scout project. He is interested in building bat boxes to reduce the mosquitoes in town forests. There are plenty of areas that would work for this idea.

Planning Board, DES

Torromeo Industries proposal: holding pond permit has been approved

Northland Timber permit: changes approved

Wetland Permits R2/13 SPE: approved

Intent to cut - R38-19 8 acres

Jericho Dr. subdivision.

This is a new version of an old subdivision showing no changes on the new plan. There are issues of illegal filling and wetlands. CC will send comments reiterating past comments not as yet fully addressed.

Old and Ongoing business:

Evy has spoken with Warren Whitcomb about donating to the Bruce Anderson Memorial plans.

Arbor Day trees are ordered and will arrive in March.

How and where they will be planted: possibly work with the high school in conjunction with the projects proposed for this year.

Ken Twombly is planning to acquire a trail & field camera with video capability for KCC. There was some discussion on how trail cams are used and how to keep them safe from theft and vandalism. A trail cam could be used in several areas.

Handicap trails plans will be addressed when the snow is gone.

Mapping trails is still on to do list.

New Business:

Kingston Recreation building on Kingston Lake has a lot of runoff/erosion into the Lake in the beach area; potential for buffer or retaining wall to stop erosion. Perhaps Richard St. Hilaré, town road agent, can help with this project.

Alicia Geilen will present a program on the 11th at Kingston Library about the Emerald Ash Borer.

Discussion of proposed bill: SB83 "concerning the powers of Conservation Commissions".

An idea: Dave Smith suggested that the KPD might designate a "conservation officer". He is willing to speak with Chief Briggs about it. It might improve the response time to problems in conservation lands.

SELT/FOKOS update - Walt Roy

This is no trail building activity now.

FOKOS is working on warrant article #26 for \$43,000 funding for land acquisition, originally not recommended by the budget committee. It's now up by one vote.

Next ESRLAC meeting with Lamprey River LAC is on Feb. 24, Bob Smith to attend

Adjourned 9:15

Next KCC meeting will be on March 5th