

Kingston Conservation Commission  
Minutes: April 9, 2015

Meeting Called to order at 7:06 pm

Present: Evy Nathan, Marghi Bean, Andrea Kenter, Ken Twombly, Geoffrey Sluder, Dave Smith, Carol Croteau

Guests: Walt Roy, Sarah Sallade

March, 2015 minutes:

David Smith made motion to accept report, seconded by Marghi Bean

6 yea, 1 Absentia

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Sluder asked for get all receipts asap as the town auditor will be presently reviewing the town books. He also mentioned that a new line was added to the account/budget for seminars and trainings

Guest Speaker Sarah Sallade: Discussed the 2015 project with Sanborn High School students. This is the Fourth quarter project and scheduled start date is May 21 or 22. Ms Sallade stated that the project will be centered around the idea of the "sixth mass extinction".

The 2015 project will focus on one of the four areas of climate change: Land Use change related to deforestation and urbanization. The other causes are climate change, invasive species, pollution. This year's project will center on Open Spaces within town either private or public owned fields. The students will focus on planting to enhance habitat for pollinators such as honey bees and monarch butterflies.

Some of the properties under consideration are the Kingston Fairgrounds, Dave Smith's farm, Andrea Kenter's field, the Mitchell Farms fields.

email for Sarah is: [ssallade@sau17.net](mailto:ssallade@sau17.net)

Invited guest speaker Dorinda Priebe, beekeeper, was unable to attend due to illness

#### Correspondence:

email from Cathy Grant, she received a request from Laurie Wilder regarding a retaining wall at her property located on Kingston Pond. Ms Grant referred her to NHDES. Ms Nathan stated she attempted to contact Ms Wilder and left a message but that she would have told her the same as Ms Grant.

Received a copy of a letter from Eben Lewis at NHDES, regarding the property located at 10 Cooper's Grove Rd owner Andre Lemieux. The letter requested an update for an outstanding restoration plan.

Received updated plans for the Jericho Road property. The commissioners wished to have more information on the septic system.

Reviewed revised RTE 125 plans near Misery Hill. No comment

#### Old Business:

Discussed Dave Ingalls memorial garden, located at the trail split of the Dave Ingalls Loop Trail at the Valley Lane Town Forest. Several ideas were discussed including a raised bed and a Fairy Garden was also discussed as an attraction for families with children.

Evy Nathan has started the process for the annual photo contest held during Kingston Days, she has spoken to the photo teacher at SRHS and Camp Lincoln to boost youth entries.

Ms Nathan attended the Bunny Blitz with Kingston friends, to obtain rabbit droppings so that UNH can do DNA testing for their New England Cottontail Identification project

Ken Twombly purchased the trail camera for identifying persons causing damage in town forests. The first location will be Frye Rd Forest, as there is an issue of 4-wheelers coming onto the property from Danville and destroying habitat.

Also discussed is the need for a metal wire box to encase the camera to protect it from damage. Mr Sluder made a motion for Mr Twombly to purchase the metal wire box, Seconded by Margi Bean. Motion carried  
7 yeas

Earth Day will be celebrated on May 9th, townwide Roadside clean-up. The Commissioners will focus on North Rd/wetland area. Meet at town hall at 9am.

May 16th, Easement monitoring workshop in Deerfield, members urged to attend.

Ms Nathan discussed the signs to be placed for the Valley Lane Forest and other areas with Rich St Hilaire, Road Agent. Mr St Hilaire stated he had sign posts for our use. Ms Nathan stated that the Commissioners can install most of the signs, but that Mr St Hilaire would have to install the roadside sign to be sure of setbacks, etc.

FOKOS: Walt Roy updated the Commissioners on the French and Tuckers properties, they will be installing Leopold Benches and a couple of Kiosks when weather permits.

As the hour was late, Evy Nathan suggested that the proposed handicapped trail be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by Dave Smith seconded by Marghi Bean

Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm

*Minutes written by Carol Croteau*