

KINGSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

July, 9, 2015

Meeting called to order: 7pm

Present: Evy Nathan, Marghi Bean, Jeff Sluder, Ken Twombly, Bob Smith, Andrea Kenter, Guest; Walt Roy

June minutes:

accepted

Treasurer's Report:

Evy has been reimbursed for the cost of the new town hall bulletin board.

Jeff has paid the bill for the post office box.

Water testing bills need to be given to Cindy.

Treasurer's report accepted

Correspondence:

Letter from Steven & Mary Low, (20 North Rd.) abutters of Peter Bakie's property (26 North Rd.) notifying the commission that the selectmen's meeting on July 13th will be dealing with problems concerning this property. Evy asked that a member attend. Ken Twombly volunteered.

Email from Town Engineer, Dennis Quintal

Evy had questioned the filling in of a vernal pool on Trendezza's property on Marshall Rd.

Dennis replied: all paving appears acceptable, and the area in question is not a designated vernal pool. The mapped vernal pool has been given a 100 ft. buffer. Evy mentioned removing the possibility of removing tadpoles and frogs to the stream, but this would require permission. There is still a question of easements and property boundaries with SELT property and Heath property.

FEMA letter to town re: changes to flood zones, no action from CC required.

Petition request - opposing Northeast Energy Direct Gas Pipeline across southern NH.

Petition presented by a number of Conservation Commissions in NH. There will be 34 Conservation areas crossed by this pipeline in 15 NH towns. Apparently there are no safe guards in place with this pipeline. MA has already rejected this pipeline. The board agreed to sign this petition as individuals, not as a commission.

Sign Committee report

Action Item: The turtle sign on North Rd. has been damaged, apparently hit by a car. Jeff will speak to Rich St. Hilaire, road agent.

Frye Forest has been the site of a construction dump, found by Evy & Marghi found on a walk on July 9th. **Action item**, debris needs to be addressed. Rich St. Hilaire has apparently offered to have it picked up.

Action item: The trail map at Frye needs to be replaced the town bound is a rock in the center of the trail that has "K and D" carved on it.

Trail Cam Update:

The trail cam will be put up as soon as possible to monitor vehicles going in and out of Frye.

Ken Twombly and Jeff Sluder have offered to install it. The Kingston PD asked to be notified of the location of the camera.

Discussion of replacement signs at Frye and how to make them vandal-proof.

Planning Board/DES:

DES has asked for additional information from the Sands project on Main Street.

51 North Rd – on July 8th DES inspected the property and made a determination that the property is now in compliance.

Bakie Property (26 North Rd.) inspection of the wetlands on the property show no violations within a "jurisdictional area", in other words, the area that DES has jurisdiction over is in compliance.

John & Nicole Vanmoerkerque, 75 New Boston Rd. Inspectors from DES observed that the wetland has been impacted because of unapproved stumping. A restoration plan needs to be sent to DES by Sept5, 2015

The Fairbrother/Back Road, conservation land deal is off, as the family may wish to keep the property, and the suggested price was high.

Email from Jeff Taylor at Vegetation Control, who was surprised at the re-growth of knotweed. Has agreed that he will assess the area this summer and re-treat at no charge if he feels it is necessary.

Old Business:

Mike Dostie has sent a map of Valley Lane placement of Dave Ingall's garden. He will be finishing this project soon.

The Photo contest has only 8 entries to date. We will wait to see what happens.

A merlin (falcon) nestling was found on Main St., Kingston by resident Marie Kruger. Through the KCC Facebook page, a wildlife rehabilitator was found to care for the chick, which appears in good condition. The plan is for a release over Great Pond in Aug.

Kingston may be the southernmost nesting site for merlins in NH

Action Item: Evy will look to see the last time it was logged and contact R. Klemarczyk.

New Business:

Water testing reports: Great Pond and Powwow water quality reports are in.
Andrea to review.

SELT is having a 'Trail Fest' on July 25th as the grand opening of the Tucker-French family forest. As many as possible of our CC board should attend.

Adjourned 8:45

Next meeting - Aug. 6th