

Kingston Conservation Commission
Minutes - Dec. 5, 2015

Call to Order 7 pm- Kingston Community Library

Attending: Bob Smith, Marghi Bean, Evy Nathan, Ken Twombly, Andrea Kenter

Guests: Walt Roy, Reed and Jeff, counselors from YMCA Camp Lincoln

Minutes: were accepted as read, with one correction of acreage on a SELT property by Walt Roy

Report on workshops & seminars at the NHACC:

Marghi Bean gave a review and passed out typed notes from the workshops she attended.

**What's swimming? - NH Fish & Game*

State survey of NH fish - what helps the fish population and what is bad for them.

**Community Solutions and Resiliency through Ecological Planning and Design:*

Permaculture - what it is and how it is a way of life for communities and people.

Everything we do impacts the ecology around us.

**Evy Nathan was a presenter at the conference and also attended "NH Road Law & a grant writing workshop"*

Treasurer's Report:

In Jeff's absence Evy gave a brief overview of our budget and the annual deliberative session. The budget has been adjusted to reflect actual monies spent.

New Business:

*There are questions about trees being cut down on town land at Folly Brook Terrace. Rich St. Hilare said he will check this out.

*There have been questions raised about lack of access to the Dorre Rd. Town Forest. A site walk was planned for Sun Dec. 6th.

*Marghi Bean has volunteered to over the reins as Forestry Manager for the KCC! ☺

*Evy & Ken attended a selectmen's meeting to address the problems in Frye Forest. During discussions, Rich St. Hilare (road agent) offered to put in the gates that are necessary in Frye, with money from our budget. It is agreed that we need enforcement on the ATV and Truck traffic; however, the Kingston PD considers Frye "unenforceable". Being off the beaten track, it is prone to misuse. The KCC is tasked with caring for Town Forests. Using the trail camera has helped. Photos have been given to Kingston PD and the selectmen. Mike Prescott is the KPD contact officer at Frye. We will continue to make strides at enforcing the law here.

Correspondence:

Bill Bixby, Wadleigh Point Rd. Needs to send DES more information about a dredge and fill.

*Evy found an older letter from DES about a solid waste management permit application on Rte. 125 regarding asbestos storage at ECSI. PB permit review said "no hazardous materials are to be stored on this site" Any changes would require amended site plan approval. We will be kept in the loop.

Site walk at Eversource report:

Eversource will move moving the buffer even closer to wetlands off Mill Road, and though many questions about alternative solutions to problems raised were raised, and solutions suggested, Eversource continued to maintain that the proposed move is the only feasible one. Another meeting with the PB will be held.

Old & On Going Business

LCIP site walks:

Mayhew and Bake properties still need to be completed before the end of the year.

*Turtle signs are covered for the winter.

*A letter of commendation from the selectmen to Boy Scouts troop 93 has been sent to Mike Merritt, scoutmaster. Troop 93 has worked tirelessly cleaning up trash and putting in trails and trail signs. KCC voted for a \$50 pizza gift certificate for Troop 93.

*No ATV" signs have been put up at Frye, thanks to Ken Twombly! ☺

The Back Burner:

*Evy suggested that a wetlands project for next year with SRHS. Liz Richardson (biology teacher) has been contacted.

*Marghi suggested that we consider the Rt.107 wetland area, which seems to need protection from the golf course and an adjacent wrecking yard.

*Evy suggested a wildlife inventory, and since Rt. 107 Forest has no management plan, possibly the students could work on one.

*Evy brought up the old trails behind Bakie School. Marghi suggested that we contact Mary and Al Magnusson who put in the trail years ago and might be able to help reestablish them.

SELT News and "Other":

Walt - SELT has removed all the building supplies from the Tucker property.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 7th, 2016