

Kingston Conservation Commission
Minutes
Feb. 4, 2016

Call to order: 7pm

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

Guest: Walt Roy

Minutes:

Minutes for January were approved

Treasurer's Report:

Few changes have been made since last month

Sign/Trail Committee Report:

- Discussed ideas for a handicapped accessible trail. Developing such a trail is one of our goals for the near future. ET's Landing seems the best option. About a mile, round trip, it would also be a good choice for the trail passport system for youth. Rich St. Hilaire (road agent) suggested a gravel pull off could be created to help with parking issues. We may pursue a lot line adjustment to better delineate the trailhead, which runs through the adjacent homeowner's back yard.
- ET's Landing follows the Pow Wow River, and several overlooks might be created to view the river.
- There was also a discussion about hiring an intern, vs. a professional trail designer for Frye Forest. It was decided that a professional would be preferable, as much of the area in need of remediation is wet.
- It was suggested that Phil Auger might be able to recommend someone to do this work. Walt Roy will check.

Planning Board - DES

- #91 Rte 125 change of building use: no comment
- Bixby retaining wall approved by DES: no comment
- 4 Marshall Rd. subdivision and revision:
17.9 acres, a preliminary plan for "proposed" development of four home lots. All lots are within the aquifer protection zone, and have potential wetland concerns. CC noted that Lot D does not seem to have enough square footage for a septic system. The houses have shared driveways, two driveways for four houses. Evy will find out what the wetland classification is.

Old and ongoing business

- Ingalls Memorial Garden: plans are in the works, with Rie Sluder, for spring.
- Evy met with a team of teachers regarding this year's sophomore project at SRHS. The students will be enhancing the management plan, and creating a wildlife inventory, for the Rte. 107 (Depot Rd) town forest. Water testing for the abutting golf course and golf course the state road may be done. Evy was at the site and noticed a hanging culvert on the NW side of Rte 107. The students may write to state DOT regarding this culvert.
There will be four field trips in May, volunteers will be needed to help chaperone the students.
- Evy attended the RMPP/LMPP conference in Concord. On the same day she had a work session, with Steve Walker of LCIP, for the use of our mobile GPS unit. The state uses Terrain Navigator Pro, but the program costs over \$400, and it would primarily be used once a year, so the feeling is against purchasing this accompanying computer application at this time.

New Business:

- Evy talked with Davis Neils of DES about VLAP (volunteer lake assessment program) testing for Greenwood Pond and Bayberry Ponds. He said he would add Greenwood & Bayberry to the list for future testing.
- Marghi will be talking with Ron Klemarczyk about a possible improvement cut at Frye in the Spring.
- Marghi attended the meeting for the possible Charrette to held in Kingston. A Charrette is a planning method to resolve conflicts in order to finish a project. This was a first meeting to determine whether the consulting group wanted to take Kingston on as a client. There were people from all the various community groups represented. The consultants were invited in because of the concern about the Sanborn Seminary building's deteriorating condition. How can it be saved? But a Charrette also considers the whole town center. The changes over time are considered and how things will continue into the future. It's a gathering of the town's resources to make the town better.
- A bookshelf will be given to KCCs for nature and wildlife books.
- Roadside Clean up is Apr. 23rd. We decided to clean Marshall Rd. Bob Smith also noted that North Rd. is "trashed" again.
- Trees for Arbor Day: It was suggested that Stepping Stones could use some shade. Jeff Sluder suggested selling trees (State Forest Nursery) at the annual library plant sale.
- Dr. Janet Sullivan, Dept. Head at the UNH Herbarium, gave a tour of the herbarium to Evy, Marghi and Ries Suder this week in preparation for a possible

project with Bakie School. We are grateful for the time Dr. Sullivan took to show us around, and we learned a lot.

Other:

Saving Special Places Conference is scheduled for April 9th

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next Meeting: March 4