

Kingston Conservation Commission, March 10, 2016

Call to order: 7:05 pm
Kingston Community Library

Attending: Marghi Bean, Evy Nathan, Ken Trombly, Jeff Sluder, Bob Smith
Guest: Walt Roy

Minutes: accepted with corrections

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as read. The 2015 audit has been processed.

Correspondence:

Pow Wow Pond Association:

Is the 2016 VLAP sampling of Pow Wow paid for with Conservation funds? The answer is yes. The money requested will be given to the treasurer to be paid out from the appropriate line items.

South East Land Trust:

La Branch Farm monitoring report was sent to the KCC by Debbie Goard of SELT. Evy would like to walk this property next time.

Cathy Grant has notified Evy that KCC renewal is due for Evy, Marghi, Evy, Bill Waters, and Carol Croteau

Sign/Trails Report:

The Trail passport system, patterned after the Exeter TPS, and how to make the signs, were discussed. The images on the top of the 4x4 stakes need to be in relief so that children can make a rubbing. We will look for some one who can make them. There should be one station at main hiking paths in town. Exact placement to be determined.

Trail design/repair for Frye:

Fred Borman and Phil Auger are unavailable because of their respective jobs. Peter Jensen is one professional who does this kind of work, but he may be expensive. Bob Smith also has the name of a volunteer group who might be able to help us with the trails, and are a non-profit. Bob will try to set up a meeting with them.

Turtle signs to be uncovered by the end of April - or when we see turtles crossing roads.

Planning Board/ DES:

Marshall Rd. Subdivision - amendments

We are questioning:

- * Lot A: The well placement to the wetlands is questionable
 - * All the lots 100' radius for the wells overlap and on Lot D the 100' radius goes completely across rt. 107
- These upland lots are draining into fragile wetlands

Eversource: The approved wetlands permit seems to be covered by an earlier permit.

Old and Ongoing Business

Herbarium

Evy, Rie Sluder and Marghi visited the UNH Herbarium at the invitation of Dr. Janet Sullivan. We will be able to use this information with teachers and staff at Bakie School. We will be working with grades 1- 5.

School trails:

Fred Borman has offered to walk the old trails on the Bakie property with Evy, to see where they were. The school is eager to reconstruct the trails.

Evy has been accepted for New England Wildflower Assoc. Plant Conservation Volunteers. The volunteers help identify and classify rare plants all over the state.

Evy met with **Diane Eadie** to ask questions about the history of the KCC
Evy reviewed some notes about the discussion with Diane:

**In Diane's day, the CC used to hire independent wetland scientists and soil scientists to check on plans.*

**Diane suggests that we always touch base with Glenn Greenwood*

**In her day the CC had 10 days to review timber cuts*

**Diane attended many meetings to stay up on town business*

**Diane advises us to always balance private rights with conservation*

**Diane says: "If I opened my mouth, they knew I'd done my homework"*

Saving Special Places

Conference is coming up on April 9

Easement monitoring workshop sponsored by Stewardship Network is coming up. Members are urged to attend.

Other: Walt Roy:

SELT is working on the Burleigh Farm and continues to work on the house and land.

Evy is applying for a mini-grant to use for pollinator plants on the Rec property. Plantings will be needed, and there is also a need for erosion control in the beach area.

On April 1, the JLCAR will meet in Concord to review the new bobcat rulings. Evy will be at the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm