

# **Kingston Conservation Commission**

## **Minutes – May 9, 2013**

### Attending:

Evelyn Nathan, Paul Blais, Bruce Cliff, Dave Ingalls, Mike Sallade, Bill Waters

Guests: Walt Roy of FOKOS

7:00 Meeting called to order

Minutes of April, 2013 accepted as written

Treasurer's report:

Checking \$3310.90

Forest MM Fund: 6593.96

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### Correspondence:

\*Letter from DES "request for more information: from Alicia Geilen on the proposed seasonal dock on Circuit Drive.

\*Post card from Eric Masterson advertising birdwatching talks

\*RPC annual meeting, letter requesting slide show from Kingston

\*Email from Michael Merritt, leader of scout troop #93 stating that "we cleared the marked section of the orange trail and the foundation" at Valley Lane.

\*Walt Roy commented that there had been a tremendous amount of work done there, and that he was very impressed.

### Planning board plans for review:

Bruce Cliff had reviewed the 3 sets of plans received. All comments were sent on to the planning board.

Solar Hills, 78 Hunt Road – subdivision

KCC review observations and questions

1. Only adjustment to the drawings seems to be adjustments to the super elevation of the proposed road grade.
2. Drawings are stamped and signed by a certified wetlands and soil scientist
3. States NHDES has approved the subdivision
  - a. The KCC would like to get copies of all correspondence with the NHDES and specifically approvals.
4. States wetlands setbacks vary due to function and value.
  - a. See item 2a above
5. Has a wetland permit been submitted and/or approved for this proposed work?
  - a. See item 2a above

Buswell-Imonti, 12 and 13 Lions Way – lot line adjustment

KCC review observations and questions

6. Shows two lots combined into one ( $0.34 \text{ ac} + 0.45 \text{ ac} = 0.79 \text{ ac}$ )
7. No septic or well information provided on drawing
8. Comments

Many water front properties have inadequately constructed and laid out septic and water wells, which can be a hazard to occupants and the surface water quality. These structures should be evaluated, if applicable.

James Duval, 4 Hunt Road – welding and metal fabrication business

KCC review observations and questions

9. States no wetlands present
10. Drawing does not have a north arrow – this information should be included on the drawing
11. Shop discharges to the septic
  - a. No information provided whether shop discharge industrial chemicals to the septic
  - b. Has potable well been tested for chemicals used in shop?
12. Water well appears to be close to Hunt Road. This well may not be properly located with regard to setback and separation requirements. These distances should be noted on the drawing.

Additional CC comments:

Proposed easement to town forest on this property needs to connect to proposed road in order to be useable. The existing easement to VL Forest needs to be kept open and clear by developer until proposed new easement is open and connected.

6 Chase Road – relocate leach field in back of property

KCC review observations and questions

13. Proposed septic shows 75 foot separation from on-site water well and 200 foot separation from off-site well
14. States NHDES has approved the proposed septic
15. Proposed septic shown outside of property setback
16. No indication of wetlands being present nor stated on plans – the plans should include this information
17. Existing septic within 75 feet of existing well
  - a. Is well currently being used for potable water?

- b. Does the well pass water quality tests? If not what is the proposed action to supply potable water to the property?
- c. What was the nature of the business on-site and did it have any industrial waste discharged to the existing septic?

#### Comments

1. The presence of an existing septic field within 75 feet of an active well, that is intended to be used for potable water supply, is a potential health hazard, which required the septic to be relocated. This same rationale would indicate that the well should also be relocated unless it can be demonstrated that there is no health hazard being generated from the existing septic even if it is abandoned. Consideration should be given to excavate and abandon the existing septic field should the existing well continue to stay operational.

#### New Business:

Cory Evans was wished well in his move.

Mike Sallade reported on the SEWA meeting:

*"The SEWA is looking for feedback on the idea of creating inter local agreements between towns in the Great Bay Watershed. The issues being faced primarily involve point source water pollution like that which may come from urban developments including large parking lots and roadways. This work is still in the information gathering phase, though within the next year the town of Kingston may be asked to consider joining an inter local group to help add resources and act responsibly to positively affect the watersheds that are a part of our town.*

*While we realize that there is very little of our town that drains towards the Great Bay, many states and communities are joining forces and sharing resources in order to clean our rivers and streams. This resource sharing is meant to benefit the whole community, should a town such as ours belong to multiple larger watersheds."*

107, Depot Road forest:

Evy Nathan spoke with Debbie Goard of SELT, who believes no forestry management plan is required for the Rte. 107 (Depot Road) Forest, as it is primarily all wetlands. She suggested that a wildlife management plan might be considered, but at this time, we as a commission feel it is a self-sustaining wildlife habitat as is, and needs no remediation.

#### Old and ongoing business:

Evy Nathan and Diane Coll are working with Sarah Sallade on the HS rain garden project. We have plants, we will still need compost and will need to stage the supplies at the sites the day before the event. Boots on the ground are needed on the day of, one adult is needed per 10 kids. ConCom members are requested to help if possible.

Dave Ingalls reminded the Commission that the Lake Association clean up day is scheduled for May 18 at the State Park.

Powwow Pond clean up day and cookout are scheduled for June 1. All members available are invited to lend a helping hand, as we are "co-sponsoring" this event.

Arbor Day tree planting is scheduled for May 14 at Bakie School. Dave Moore of The Crooked Chimney in Lee, NH will be at the school to speak about birches and have birch syrup samples for the children.

Wild Kingston Photo Contest is on schedule, one of the judges, Bev Stanwood, is helping Evy Nathan distribute posters. Cory Evans set up the poster online and sent the design to staples. We will miss Cory's computer publishing expertise!!

Next meeting to be held on June 6

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45