

## **KINGSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Kingston Community Library- **Sept 8, 2016** -

Call to order - 7pm

**Members present:** Evelyn Nathan, Marghi Bean, Andrea Kenter, Jeff Sluder, Ken Twombly

Guests: Walt Roy, Matthew Pierson, George Chadwick

### **Treasurer's Report:**

There are areas in the budget of unspent money, but we project it will be used by the end of the year.

### **Aug. Minutes: accepted as written**

### **Guest Speakers:**

**Matthew Pierson**, Scout, -Exeter Troop 337- candidate for Eagle Scout- explained his project, which is a recreational and educational trail behind the Bakie School. The trail will be about 500 feet long with 50 - 300 feet of bog trail with one small bridge over a stream, and several sheltered benches. Matthew has gotten all his permissions, and sponsorship from local lumber companies for help with the supplies for the building of the trail. The work will be done this fall if all goes according to plan. Working in the wetlands may need DES permission, and Evy will check that out.

**George Chadwick** - Bedford Design engineer working for Senior Housing LLC. DES has accepted the proposal that Chadwick presented. This project is an assisted living facility with 58 units, 45 will be assisted care and 13 memory care (Alzheimers) units. This parcel is in the Historic District and requires a variance from the Planning Board. Mr. Chadwick states that the Historic District Commission and the Planning Board are both on board with this project. The CC's only concern is with the wetlands buffer impact, which has increased since the first plan. This project is still in early stages, and Mr. Chadwick's visit was informational. We have not yet seen any plans.

### **Communications:**

There are several meetings and seminars coming up:

Small Woodlot Management and Saw Milling under sustainable forestry initiative

Annual Tree Farm and family Field Day

OHRC Law in the tree farm flyer

*Bakie School Herbarium is mentioned in the Audubon NH flyer*

NHACC annual Conference on Nov. 12

Email From Eben Lewis (DES) regarding three issues in town, all are on hold.

### **Updates, Signs and Trails Report:**

Evy had been at Selectmen's meetings twice this month to complain about OHRV traffic on Acorn Drive, resulting in the town blocking the trail with huge trees, which have angered the OHRV'ers. The selectmen gave the police chief money to enforce the trails over Labor Day, while suggesting that we look for a parcel for the OHRV'ers. We feel the ATV community needs to organize to spearhead this effort.

Frye gate will be installed "sometime soon", according to Mr. St. Hilaire.

There was discussion about the signs on the Danville end of the Frye trail, and/or the need for more of them. Knotweed eradication seems to have been a success at Frye TF. Evy sprayed individual plants this year, and will monitor re-growth in future.

Steve Farrington scouted the trails at Valley Lane in anticipation of his wife, Sharon, and members of her conservation branch of the Exeter Area Women's Group volunteering to work on the trails.

There were comments about adding digital information squares on our trail maps

### **Review of Town Owned Parcels:**

Ken Twombly walked the parcel property accessed through Lone Star Boy Scout Camp. All looks well except for some brush piles and logging, which we are not sure are being conducted within the area of the town land. Evy Nathan checked the property behind the business plaza in S. Kingston. It was inaccessible at this time, but seems undisturbed. She will wait until leaves are down to investigate further. Bob Smith checked the Daher property in So. Kingston via internet. Access will be through abutter's property.

The new Valley Lane map is finished! (and bill submitted) The committee decided to go with a paper map for the kiosk, rather than plastic. Evy, Walt and Jeff will do refurbishing of the kiosk this month.

There have been several small fires at or near Valley Lane TF this month, Fire dept. Is aware of them.

Selectmen assured Evy that the town cannot lose ownership of the property abutting Torromeo, even if his signs are up.

Jeff, Evy & Marghi went on LCIP walks with Steve Walker on Wed. Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. They found several infractions on the Manuel property. Steve said to not act of them until he writes a report. Evy was given a 'template' letter to send to citizens who cause infractions.

Evy's trail passport system booklet is almost done. Families will be able to get a PDF from our website and print it up. Walt Roy has finished the posts and rubbing signs.

Representatives from SELT will be with Evy at the next selectmen's meeting, regarding Acorn drive ATVs.

ECSI public hearing will be on the Sept. 20.

Volunteers will be installing bluebird houses on the fairground property.

We have asked SRHS to pick up trash on the Sargent property for this year's Sr. Day of Caring.

Evy was nominated to the NHACC, but respectfully declined. Too far to drive, too late, and winter coming!

Ron Klemarczyk emailed Evy about Frye and Dorre. Many cuts have been delayed by the drought. Next Spring, gypsy moth infestation will have to be considered.

Fred Borman will come next month to speak about the gypsy moth problem

#### **SELT and FOKOS update: Walt Roy**

SELT is working get rid of invasives. They are also making signposts for the Burley Farm area.

Maggie Hassan has appointed Andrea Kenter to the staff of the NHDES MTBE Remediation Bureau! Congratulations, Andrea!

**Next meeting: OCT 7th**