

Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes

June 8, 2017

Meeting called to order: 7:03 pm

Attending: Evy Nathan, Jeff Sluder, Marghi Bean, Geoff Harris, Emily Calhoun

Guests: Walt Roy and Joseph (missed last name??)

Secretary's report:

- May minutes accepted
 - Move to accept: Jeff; seconded: Geoff

Treasurer's report:

- Public education budget line: used a lot for trail passport printing
- Boat launch budget line to be used by EOY
- Milfoil is now out
 - ****Amendment:** KCC unsure if milfoil should still be represented in group budget; Jeff to reach out to Cindy at town offices to clarify

Communications:

- SELT newsletter distributed to all members
- SELT site walks: updating CCRs in Kingston to document condition of lands
 - AAAL meeting on 6/5 ****KCC members asked to attend**
- Baroff and Craven: Asked 1 KCC member to attend this summer; they will provide the documents; date TBD

Planning Board, DES, OEP:

- Wetland permit app.: Country Pond Rd. retaining wall; expedited review, has been delayed due to staffing changes in town; wall was replaced, now dangerous; proposes stacking block system to prevent erosion; wetlands permit application in to state, awaiting approval; letter addresses KCC's concerns
 - Commission agrees to proposed plan, Evy to sign letter
- New plans, AAAL: Evy and Marghi attended meeting; Evy's letter reviewed at meeting; if property is cleared by DOT it can be sold outright, KCC maintains adherence to environmental laws
 - KCC concerned with proximity to wetlands; use of pervious surfaces on walkway; dog walking area
 - ****See Evy's letter**
 - Meeting on 6/5 ****KCC members asked to attend**
- Plans, 187 Main St.: New footprint further from wetlands than before; estimated 20-25 ft. from wetland; roof slopes into wetland; talk to Peter from health dept.?
 - Concerns: doesn't comply with ordinances; slope of roof; However, it is an improvement over grandfathered property
- Fidler visit: Evy visited with Steve Walker (OEP); some areas improved, some in violation; boats have all been removed; Evy r/d letter from Steve: compare plans of new survey versus Fidler's old plans, making steps towards getting things done
 - Additional points: no trespassing signs cannot be on town land
- Russell Chute: Pow- wow Pond; dredge and remove milfoil; council approved

Sign/Trails/Forests Report:

- Valley Lane trails: hiking group assisted with clearing of red/ blue and orange trails; still need laminated sign to distinguish trails; KCC agrees also need sign indicating end of orange trail
- Frye:
 - Need to establish new trail: Timberland group and Walt?
 - Restoration: possibility of using professional services budget to hire wetland scientist; look into UNH Cooperative Extension resources ****Evy action item?**
- Frye dead tree: KCC agrees to work with fire department; Jeff to keep in touch with Rich at fire department ****Jeff action item**
- Pamphlets: \$575 for 500 pamphlets through Hampstead Print and Copy; grant money to fund purchase ****Emily action item**
- Dave's memorial garden: needs to be spruced; Evy emailed volunteers; possibility of Jeff and wife leading project?

New and Ongoing business:

- Upcoming meetings: KCC members available, continue with July meeting schedule
- RPC meeting: Emily, Evy, and Marghi to attend
- SELT celebration: Evy no longer attending, attending RPC meeting instead
- Paul Blais gift: Jeff to supply photo of a Kingston forest and look into framing ****Jeff action item**
- NHACC workshop: Glenn only available Sunday afternoons in September; \$50 to rent library for the event, library agrees to split cost with KCC; date TBD
- Grant for trail passports: Emily has grant foundation in mind; Emily working with Evy and foundations ****Emily action item**
- HS vernal pool project: Evy r/d forms, students sending to state
- Marghi's Coverts report: ***postponed until next meeting*
- Kingston Days booth: planned in combo with CC/FOKOS/KLA; ***discussion postponed until next meeting*

Bucket List: All items remain on bucket list

ET's Landing
Erosion at Kingston Rec.
Rockrimmon/ Acorn: next town forest
Frye timber cut next winter
Dorre timber cut

SELT and FOKOS update: Walt Roy

- Annual yard sale on Saturday, June 10th
- Walt attending SELT celebration

Other

- Evy writing history of CL; asked Muriel Ingalls when sampling on Great Pond began; KLA estimated 1991
- Water testing on Greenwood Pond: Muriel says KLA plate is full, recommended we contact Ben Bixby from NH Lakes; Geoff to contact ****Geoff action item**
- **AMENDED:** Community member, Jeff Sholomith, expressed concerns over tires being tossed into wetland near State Park

- Jeff Sholomith voiced concerns about tires being dumped into wetland behind a personal property
 - Jeff's concerns duly noted by KCC
 - Jeff thanked KCC for the platform and left meeting

Adjourned, 8:47 pm

Next meeting: July 6, library