

Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes

July 7, 2017

Meeting called to order: 7:01 pm

Attending: Evy Nathan, Jeff Sluder, Marghi Bean, Bob Smith, Emily Calhoun, Ken Twombly

Guests: Walt Roy

Secretary's report:

- May minutes accepted pending the following updates:
 - Addition of Jeff Sholomith's concerns shared at meeting
 - Clarification of how to report milfoil budget line (see note in Treasurer's Report)
 - Move to accept: Marghi; Second: Ken
 - All in favor of accepting minutes pending update

Treasurer's report:

- Questions raised on milfoil line in budget
 - Milfoil technically still in budget, unsure how to report
 - Jeff to follow- up with Cindy to see how best to handle ****Jeff action item**
- Public education budget line – CC needs to decide how to utilize
 - Kingston Days
- Professional Services budget line – CC to discuss use
- Question of land acquisition account by Evy – do we have a land acquisition account?
- Receipts submitted by: Emily (wetland workshop), Marghi (travel reimbursement and Coverts), and Evy (Saving Special Places)
- Received \$100 donation from Live Free and Run Dog Park toward re- building and/ or purchasing bluebird houses (destroyed at fairgrounds)
 - KCC decided to re- try fairground location
 - KCC to reach out to town on possibility of sign warning people of camera surveillance
 - Ken to look into various camera prices. ****Ken action item**

Communications:

- Evy suggests changing “Communications” to “Correspondence”
- Stormwater runoff at Wadleigh Pt. Rd. complaint: issue of water draining onto personal driveway; Evy reached out to Candace Dolan of Hodgson Brook Restoration Project; this is an issue for Kingston highway department
- Penniman's Grove Rd. complaint: shoreline protection act issues; residents need to take up grievances with State; Evy referred to Eben Lewis with DES.
- 1st street wetland filling complaint: issue of neighbor throwing brush into wetland; KCC recommended writing letter to DES

Planning Board, DES, OEP:

- Bartlett R24/8 two- lot subdivision: KCC reviewed the planning documents; setbacks have increased; new proposed dwelling and septic adhere to wetland buffer guidelines; KCC has no issues with project moving forward according to outlined plans
- DES letters of complaint (Dobrowski and Wood): both letters covered in Communications; As stated, KCC suggested both issues should be referred to DES

Sign/Trails/Forests Report:

- Thank you to Ken for helping with broken nest boxes!
- Trail Passport grant progress: Emily drafting application to New England Grassroots Environment Fund (NEGEF); NEGEF designed for small, ongoing projects; Emily to have full application by end of week, submit to KCC for edits/ approval; target is \$575 for printing of new Trail Passports to increase community access; if received, funds will go to select board, and then disbursed to KCC
- Frye:
 - According to site walk, need for wetland restoration greatly reduced as a direct result of the new gate, signage, and F&G enforcement!
 - Evy emailed Boy Scouts re: interest in assisting with trails
 - Timberland workday as a back- up
 - Evy suggested turning Frye into “natural area”
 - KCC concerned about need for mixed forest habitats which could be created with current forest management plan
 - Issue still remains of access for loggers
 - **** KCC action item – brainstorm solutions until next meeting**
- Valley Lane trails: need clarification on orange trail/red trails juncture
 - KCC agreed on SELT- style posts indicating trail direction and mileage (noting location of parking lot)
 - Evy to figure out distance and design **** Evy action item**
 - Ken to provide details to etching artists to design posts ****Ken action item**
 - Walt and Bob to place ****Walt and Bob action item**
- Frye dead tree: no update; is KCC able to just cut through? ****Jeff action item**
 - Now 2 trails needing attention with another downed tree on white trail
 - Ken to walk trail and assess cutting possibility ****Ken action item**
- Milfoil sign on Greenwood Pond: Geof has sign, project in progress
- Illegal deer blind on Back Road Town Forest: Evy called Fish and Game; Fish and Game reported that if blind is on town property, KCC can take it down
 - KCC looking into means for removing such a large structure safely
- No trespassing signs on Dorre Rd: Evy spoke with Steve Walker, sign is not allowed to be on town property
 - Evy to walk Dorre town forest, will take down signs if able ****Evy action item**
- Hard copy maps for Valley Lane trails: *postpone until next meeting*
- Wetland filling on LCHIP land: on Steve Walker’s list, KCC to keep in touch

New and Ongoing business:

- Frye Farm cellar hole: should the cellar hole be restored?
 - Evy reached out to Ernie Landry of the Heritage Commission
 - Heritage Commission very interested in partnering under appropriate means; Ernie states that more needs to be determined about the restoration process
 - Forest plan contains some history
 - Evy to re- send what she has on forest report ****Evy action item**
 - Marghi to pull together information on Frye (1 page) ****Marghi action item**
- Annual UNH Volunteer Day report (Evy): excellent event; Evy attended great caterpillar lab!

- Paul Blais gift: KCC decided on just framed photo; Jeff to provide photo and look into framing ****Jeff action item**
- NHACC workshop: date set for **September 17 at 1 pm**
 - **KCC members – mark calendars!**
- HS vernal pool project: HS groups did not complete reports; Evy set meeting with school, meeting was cancelled due to end of year requirements
 - KCC to encourage HS to continue next year and finish project
 - Possibility of previous school contact, Sarah Sallade, receiving NHACC grant to continue project with Sanborn next year
 - KCC to keep in touch
- Marghi's Coverts report: Marghi had a fantastic experience and attended many valuable workshops all of which were valuable

Bucket List: All items remain on bucket list

ET's Landing

Erosion at Kingston Rec.

Rockrimmon/ Acorn: next town forest, Signs of ATV traffic

Frye timber cut next winter

Dorre timber cut

SELT and FOKOS update: Walt Roy

- SELT working on invasive removal in Fremont
- Civil War performance to be featured at Kingston Days

Other

- Boy Scout Eagle prizes: KCC to provide Eagle Scouts who carried out KCC projects with certificate
- "Sustainability Squad" at Kingston Rec: big success!
 - Program received 2 composters after one was mistakenly removed
 - Evy assists with program
 - Emily interested in providing assistance
- Request for extra turtle crossing sign at Half Moon Rd.
 - ****Ken action item**

Adjourned, 8:55 pm

Next meeting: August 3, library