

Kingston Conservation Commission Minutes

Kingston Community Library

September 14, 2017

Meeting called to order: 7:01 pm

Attending:

Evy Nathan, Jeff Sluder, Emily Calhoun, Ken Twombly, Geoff Harris, Bob Smith, Francine Chandler, and Mary-Jane Twombly

Guests:

Ernie Landry, Walt Roy, Paul Blais, Charlie Zilch, Stacy *Hall* (unsure of last name)

First Order of Business:

The CC presented a framed photograph of leaves on Mill Pond taken by Jeff Sluder, and a certificate of appreciation, to Paul Blais on his retirement from the Commission after 30 years. Paul was surprised to find that the photograph was not a painting! Paul added a few words about his years on the Commission, and commended Evy's work as chair. We wish Paul many happy years of golfing and boating.

Ernie Landry:

Ernie attended to encourage Commission members to join in on a Sept. 21 meeting on the natural resources chapter of the Master Plan - a blueprint for the town's future development. Our attendance will be counted as soft grant money for the grant the Heritage Commission has applied for. Ernie also asked if we are interested in being involved in a trail mapping project for Kingston.

Secretary's Report:

There were two edits to the August minutes.

Move to accept the report pending edits was made by Ken Twombly, seconded by Bob Smith. All were in favor.

Treasurers' Report:

The 2018 budget has been turned in to the BOS.

Receipts to Jeff.

Ken was told to purchase the cheaper cameras for the Fairgrounds

Correspondence:

The CC received an email from a handicapped resident in need of help with lawn care. Evy contacted Boy Scouts and the issue was resolved. Thanks again to Troop 91!

Planning Board, DES, OEP:

- Reviewed plans for 7 Marshall Road with Charlie Zilch. The property is being considered for a storage facility, but there are 3 vernal pools on the lot, which is problematic to the design. It was suggested that at the very least, the road between units, which traverses a buffer zone, should be made pervious. This plan is preliminary, as are our comments.
- 1 Meeks Road: there are concerns about a welding and fabrication business within the Aquifer Protection Zone. The CC will look into what pollutants might be generated, but more information is needed.

Signs, Forests and Trails:

- Ken reported that Mr. St Hilaire will not send anyone to Great Pond Road to put up a single turtle sign, and so the sign remains on our bucket list.
- The "widow maker" tree at Frye has been removed, thanks to Jeff Sluder and the men from the Hwy. Dept.. Evy reported another dangerous tree on the blue trail. Jeff suggested making a map, or listing, of trees that need removal at Frye.
- Evy thought a note of thanks to Rich and his men for getting the work done at Frye would be appropriate.
- Evy had a discussion, with Rick Russman regarding town forest harvests. Rick expressed a willingness to be a facilitator for us with forestry, as we do not currently have anyone on the board with extensive forestry experience. He suggests using Mr. Moreno, and possibly doing a triple harvest of Frye, Ahl and Dorre, to make the harvests profitable for the logger and the town.
- Grant for trail passport system brochures came through! Many thanks again to Emily Calhoun for a phenomenal job!

New and Ongoing Business:

- Our workshop with NHACC on reading site maps is on September 17th. All members should attend. Francine, Marghi and Evy will make refreshments.
- Discussion of possible Eagle project near Rte 107 Forest.
- Annual LCHIP walks to be discussed at next month's meeting.

Bucket List

Turtle sign
Testing of Greenwood pond
Removal of Deer stand, Back Road TF
Rockrimmon /Acorn next town forest?
Frye timber cut
Dorre timber cut
Blazes to be re-marked

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary-Jane O. Twombly
Secretary