

Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes

Kingston Community Library

October 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Attending:

Evy Nathan, Jeff Sluder, Bob Smith, Ken Twombly Sr., Mary-Jane Twombly, Geof Harris and Marghi Bean.

Guests: Russ Chute, Paul Dearborn, Tim Ferwerda, David Joy, Jim Hanley, Kelly Ward, Walt Roy

Secretary's Report: Ken Twombly made a motion to accept minutes from September, seconded by Bob Smith. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: There was continued discussion about the use of the professional services line. It was suggested that we bank the unused \$400 for use for lawyer's fees and surveying for a new ROW at ET's Landing next year, which will be considerable.

Correspondence: Email from David Joy of Meeks Road expressing abutter concerns over the Meeks Road welding shop proposal.

* Theresa Walker: changes to Shoreland Protection Act.

Planning Board, DES, OEP:

*DES complaints re: Landscaper's Depot Energy, cited violations have not been addressed, further action by LD is required.

*Tim Ferwerda presented an expedited review for the fill of a small wetland within the Solar Hills second stage development. The Commission has questions re: maintenance of the road and cul de sac; how drainage areas will be maintained in future. We will wait for our comments to be addressed at PB meeting before signing.

*Jim Hanley and Kelly Ward presented plans for the proposed welding shop on Meeks Road. Mr. Ward explained that he owns this land, and it would be more economical for him to operate at this location than at his current location in an industrial area. The shop will be fabricating small and larger pieces, such as snow plows. He claims most of the work will be done inside. The CC's concern are whether the aquifer protection zone is an appropriate location for an industrial shop. Mr. Ward is aware of issues stemming from problems at ECSI (near his location) and maintains that he will not cause similar problems. Several members asked questions about runoff and pollutants. Guest, David Joy, an abutter, expressed his thoughts about the critical importance of water as a natural resource. We will wait to hear the town engineer's comments about this site.

Sign/Trails/ Forests Report:

*Ken purchased surveillance cameras for the fairgrounds and has already installed them with the help of Bob Smith and Geoff Harris. Thank you from the CC.

*Senior Day of Caring is next Wednesday. Clearing red/white trail at Frye

*LCHIP walks, November/December, will hand out folders as members do the walks.

*Walk with Rick Russman and Charlie Moreno at Dorre, Frye and Cheney/Griffin scheduled for October 17.

*Charles River Labs volunteers erected one of the bird houses, but were unable to finish. The pole driver was too small for the poles. Ken was able to erect the remaining 3 poles and houses.

*Evy has updated and added to our town forest folders.

*Discussion of ET's Landing. Jeff has spoken with Rich St. Hilaire and the Selectboard regarding altering the ROW so that it's more convenient for the homeowner, hikers and town trucks. This process may take 2 to 3 years, but should be done, as the current access is very inconvenient.

New and On Going business:

Blazes to be remarked - will have to wait until next year.

Earth day 2018, we are to sponsor a clean-up

Bucket List:

Water testing of Greenwood Pond

Removal of Deer stand, Back Road TF: Evy turned the project over to Bob S.

Prime Wetlands list, Evy

Steve Walker re: wetland filling on LCHIP land

Should Acorn and G/C be Town Forests?

Discussion of current use of tax

Next meeting Nov. 9, 6:45

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Respectfully Submitted,

Mary-Jane Twombly