

Kingston Conservation Commission
Kingston Community Library
November 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM

Guest: Walt Roy and Charlie Moreno

Attending:

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

New Member:

Our newest member, David Joy, was unable to attend tonight's meeting but will be here for the December meeting.

A small gift of appreciation was given to Francine Chandler and to Geof Harris, both of whom are leaving the KCC for future adventures. Francine is moving to Danville and Geof is going to live in New Zealand.

*******Charlie Moreno's comments**

Charlie Moreno, local forester, came to review his findings for the 3 forests we visited in October: Dorre, Frye and Cheney. He explained that Dorre could be improved if we can acquire access through the Torromeo property. He will check with them to see. Cheney (120 ac) would be a good lot to harvest, but again, access may be an issue. The same with Frye, however, we found enough invasives at Frye to make a harvest there impossible at this time. The CC must look to removal of invasives before Mr. Moreno would recommend a harvest there. **Action item:**
CC

- **Secretary's Report:** Ken Twombly made a motion, seconded by Bob Smith, to accept the secretary's report with two corrections. Bob Smith was not present with Ken and Geof (as reported) when they erected the cameras at the fairgrounds.
- The October minutes did not include the report from Powwow Pond Council. Paul Dearborn and Russ Chute reported last month that the pond is in good shape according to wetland expert, Amy Smagula. The DASH diver has removed milfoil from 13 known sites. Total expenses for 2016 were \$12, 940. A new warrant article will not be needed for 2018.

All were in favor of the additions & corrections to the October minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Jeff has the budget prepared for budcom. Our hearing rescheduled for Dec. 3.

Evy gave outstanding bills to Jeff.

Correspondence:

- We received an email from Greg Jordan, Fred Borman's replacement as Rockingham County Forester, asking us to complete a mapping project that we already completed with Fred. Evy will inform him.
- Evy received an email from a citizen asking what steps necessary are to fill in a wet area on his property. Evy replied with the DES permit form, and cautions about undertaking what could be very expensive, or even not approved. The citizen thanked her for her comments.

Planning Board, DES, OEP:

- There are plans in progress for a new firehouse on the corner of Main St. and Rte. 111. The CC will have several issues with this, including the aquifer and using what is now a recreational lot for what would be an industrial use.
- Evy will be sending a letter to the PB regarding Meeks Road after hearing from Dennis Quintal, town engineer.
- We reviewed a site plan an addition of several units at Granite Fields. This plan does not have CC issues.

Sign/Trails/ Forests:**LCIP monitoring assignments:**

*Manuel- Evy and Jeff

*Bakie -Bob Smith and Marghi Bean

*Mayhew- Ken Twombly and Walt Roy and David Joy

*Bake - Evy and Jeff.

- ET's Landing- We will need to re-visit our plans to create a new ROW if Rich wants to use it. Several large oaks would need to be cut down for a truck to pass, whereas, only brush would need to be removed for wheelchair access.

New and Ongoing Business:

- Ken, Walt Roy and Bob Smith took a walk out to see what could be done about the tree stand at Back Road TF. The blind is 16 ft. up in two trees and is very well built. No decision was made about removal at this time.
- We need some additional trail markers for Frye. Reflective tape needs to be added to both sides of the gate.
- Emergency rescue plans for trails. Evy found that other towns in NH are doing this. Chief Briggs thinks it's a good idea. Action item
- We discussed joining the Kingston Lake Association? Evy made a motion to join, Marghi seconded. It was unanimously passed. We will look into possibility of joining the Powwow Pond Association also.

Bucket List:

Earth day 2018

Volunteers to do lake water testing at Greenwood Pond

Removal of Deer stand, Back Road TF

Prime Wetlands list, Evy

Steve Walker re: wetland filling on LCIP land

Discussion of current use of tax

Other

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:30PM

Next meeting Dec.7 @ 6:45 library

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary-Jane Twombly