

Minutes
Kingston Conservation Commission
6/7/2023

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm at the Kingston Community Library

Present: Evy Nathan, Marghi Bean, Linda Foss, Greg Senko, Bob Smith, Charles Hart (Select Board Ex Officio)

Excused absences: Shaw Tilton

Guests: Ernie Landry, Kingston Heritage Commission
Jeff Sluder, Walt Roy

Heritage Commission Archaeology Project:

Ernie Landry reported that the Heritage Commission would like to participate in a joint project with Conservation to document historic properties within the town forests. The project would involve visiting cellar hole sites to investigate and inventory artifacts, measuring and mapping the sites, and researching deeds. Evy said that Conservation would commit resources to the project and that she would take the lead for Conservation. Mr. Landry also reported that The Nature Conservancy was still working on the Whitcomb property acquisition.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the 5/4/2023 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes as written, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Shaw is out of town and was not present. Evy presented his monthly budget and account balance report.

Conservation Fund: \$28,882.54
(Working Balance \$10,606.54, Aquatic Invasives Reserve \$18,276.00)

Forest Fund: \$ 17,357.34

Correspondence:

- SELT Newsletter
- Thank you note for PPNH's presence at the Coastal Resilience and Resource Fair

Planning Board, DES, OEP, ZBA:

- Summit Distributing, Map R40 Lots 15, 16. Evy sent additional comments to the ZBA in advance of this month's meeting. Review of this project was continued until the August ZBA meeting.

Trails Committee:

- Acorn Town Forest. Two bridges were built on the White trail.
- Manuel/Boat Launch. Greg reached out to the Forest Society to ask what, if any, information on the Webster Wildlife and Natural Area should be included on a map of the Manuel property, which it abuts.
- Valley Lane. Greg reached out to Plaistow Conservation to ask about plans for future trails and their potential connection with Valley Lane.
- West Kingston Town Forest. A work session was held to restore the rock wall.

Greg reported that the next Trails project would be building either benches or kiosks. Evy said that the Frye Town Forest kiosk is in poor condition and needs replacing.

Pollinator Pathways:

Pollinator Week (June 19-25) events will include:

- Rewilding Your Back Yard, presentation in Hampstead
- Facebook cover photo contest
- Kids' crafts at the Kingston Community Library
- Wildflower walk/mini bioblitz
- Possible Seed Library raffle

PPNH has given pollinator presentations to seven elementary school classes in Danville and three kindergarten classes in Brentwood in the past month.

Nonpublic Session:

Entered nonpublic session at 7:42pm. Public session reconvened at 7:55pm.

Old Business/Bucket List:

- Valley Lane updated forest management plan. Scheduled for late summer/fall.
- Review of Conserved Properties Book/Granit update, ongoing.
- Bluebird boxes. There are more that need to be installed. Evy will work with Walt and Jeff.

- Evy gave a Frye cellar hole sign created by Geof Harris to Walt for posting.
- Mr. Hart reported that the owners of the cleared lot at the corner of New Boston Road and Route 125 were waiting for advice from an engineering firm on how to address the wetlands on the property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm

Next meeting Thursday, July 6, 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Foss, Secretary

Action items:

Add acceptance of 5-12-23 special meeting minutes to next month's agenda