

Minutes
Kingston Conservation Commission
10/5/2023

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

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

Excused Absences: Elizabeth Mello, Bob Smith

Guests: Paul Wainwright, Atkinson Conservation Commission Chair,
NHACC Board of Directors

Kip Kaiser, Powwow Pond Council

Walt Roy

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the 9/7/23 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes as written, all in favor. Minutes from the 9/14/23 meeting to discuss the Unitil solar array project were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes as written. All in favor.

NHACC:

Mr. Wainwright introduced himself as Chair of the Atkinson Conservation Commission and a member of the board of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC). The purpose of his visit was to introduce himself as a liaison to NHACC and to meet the members of our commission.

Treasurer's Report:

Shaw presented the monthly budget report:

Conservation Fund: \$24,096.19
(Working Balance \$10,500.19, Aquatic Invasives Reserve \$13,596.00)
Forest Fund: \$17,400.89

Evy presented a check to the CC as a donation for PPNH in the amount of \$500.00 from the president of the Monadnock Garden Club. Shaw will have the BOS approve.

Shaw presented the proposed 2024 budget, including a summary of cost estimates for aquatic invasive treatment at Powwow Pond and Country Pond. All line items will remain the same as 2023 except Milfoil (aquatic invasive) testing and treatment. Mr. Kaiser of Powwow Pond Council reported that milfoil treatment will be required again in 2024, however at this time the

exact cost is unknown. Mr. Hart suggested that Conservation request another \$14,000 to replenish this account in anticipation that it will be depleted in 2024. Greg reported that Country Pond may also have a need for invasive removal funding in 2024. MM&S to add \$20,000 to the proposed Milfoil (aquatic invasives) testing & treatment budget line item for 2024 to cover anticipated costs.

Correspondence:

- Exchange between Arthur Nigro of 1 Highland Road and Calvin Deissner of NH DES regarding Mr. Nigro's reconstruction of an existing wall, which Mr. Diessner said he should not attempt, and if he did it would require a permit.
- Email from Fieldstone Landscape and Masonry regarding the reconstruction of a wall at 31 Wadleigh Point Rd. The wall is sufficiently back from the water.
- SELT postcard from Katie Bates regarding successful monitoring visits.
- Email from Rick Russman re: Unitil solar array mitigation property. The mitigation funds will go to the ARM fund rather than to the purchase of conservation property in Kingston.
- DES letters to residents of 11 and 13 Wadleigh Point Road dock complaints.
- Registered letter from Town of Plaistow informing us of the proposed designation of 72 acres as prime wetlands abutting Kingston.

Planning Board, DES, OEP, ZBA:

- LCIP monitoring assignments. The following teams were assigned to do monitoring walks and complete reports: Manuel – Bob, Greg; Bake/Mayhew – Evy, Shaw; Bakie – Marghi. Melissa.

Trails Committee:

- Trails welcomed three more volunteers at the latest Trails meeting, for a total of five new volunteers this year.
- Acorn Town Forest. A work session was held to fill the soft spots on the extension to the White trail. The DPW provided several yards of wood chips to the Trails Committee for this project.
- Valley Lane. Three work sessions have been scheduled to transport materials and build a bridge across the stream on a new trail leading to the recently acquired property. Greg was in contact with one of the abutters to the new property who said she was open to having a trail cross her property.
- Evy reported that volunteers from Charles River Laboratories would be clearing brush at ET's Landing on Monday October 9.

Pollinator Pathways:

- The Hampton Falls presentation on September 13 was well attended.
- PPNH will have a table at SELT Trailfest in October.
- PPNH will have a table at the NHACC Annual Meeting on November 4.
- The fall Seed Swap is scheduled for November 11.

New Business:

- NHACC Annual Meeting and Workshops. All Conservation members are strongly encouraged to attend the conference on November 4. Evy asked members to select “pay by check” and send her the registration form. She will submit the forms to the town for payment.
- The Trail Passport for Youth brochure needs to be updated.

Old Business/Bucket List:

- Book of Conserved Properties/Granit
- Erosion at Greenwood Beach – next spring
- Consideration of prime wetlands designation for several wetlands in Kingston

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

Next meeting Thursday, November 9, 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Foss, Secretary