

Minutes:

Kingston Conservation Commission

1/3/19

Meeting called to order 6:45 pm

Present: Evy Nathan, Marghi Bean, John Ricker, Bob Smith, Linda Foss

Guests: Walt Roy

Secretary's Report:

Evy brought up several changes to last month's meeting minutes. Minutes were accepted as amended. Motion by Bob, Marghi second.

Treasurer's Report:

John ordered new checks for the Forest Fund account, beginning with a new number.

Correspondence:

SELT monitoring report: 6 Little River Road: Evy attended this walk with members of SELT. The owner is making consistent progress in cleaning up the property and repairing the old barn.

NH Lakes newsletter: NH Lakes reports that incidences of cyanobacteria blooms in New Hampshire lakes are increasing, but that the Lake Host program has been successful in 'saving' many invasive species from being transported between lakes in the past year.

Ann Moran email: Ann reported that Ridgewood Assoc. president, Mike Lytle spoke with the individual who was plowing snow to the edge of Great Pond, and that he has agreed to stop plowing in that area.

Planning Board, DES, OEP:

***4 Marshall Road:**

Bluestone Investment Group: There are significant changes to the proposed building plan. The Planning Board will postpone their review of this project until the Technical Review Committee completes its report. We noted major changes on the plan, including the moving of building #3 out of the wetland buffer. We will await more detailed plans to comment.

***Diamond Oaks Golf Club:**

This proposal is to build seven 1-bedroom apartments on the second floor of the Diamond Oaks clubhouse to provide housing for the elderly/veterans. Charlie Zilch of SEC & Associates has requested that the Planning Board provide a letter of denial for this project so that the builder may request a Zoning Board variance.

***AAAL 193 Main St.:**

The Board of Selectmen received a letter from The Douglas Company stating that they are committed to protecting the wetlands adjacent to the building site and are taking measures to mitigate silt runoff.

*266 Route 125, 11 ac. commercial building:

Tax map R41 Lot 17: Eben Lewis of NH DES sent a letter requesting more information on the Dredge and Fill application for this project. His letter states that the Conservation Commission has referred to the wetland on the building site as a vernal pool, and instructs the builder to coordinate with the EPA to identify and mitigate possible impacts. The builder has also been instructed to coordinate with the Natural Heritage Bureau regarding potential impacts on rare species, and with the Division of Historical Resources to help them complete their review. The Commission has changed the wording of its request for an “Environmental Impact Statement” to a request for an “Environmental Assessment”. The Environmental Assessment will list, map and assess natural resources on the property, including vernal pools.

*61 North Road:

The Dredge and Fill application for this project has been approved.

LCIP Monitoring:

Amanda Hollenbeck confirmed that receipt of the 2018 Kingston LCIP reports.

Trails Sub-Committee:

Bob presented the result of his mapping at Valley Lane, showing us 3 potential mapping formats. It was generally agreed that having topo info on the map was helpful.

New Business:

DES Meeting:

NHACC is holding an information session with NH DES on the latest changes to the wetlands permitting process on January 10. Evy and Marghi plan to attend.

Warrant Article:

Evy presented the final draft of the warrant article to designate the town-owned Rockrimmon property accessible from Acorn Drive as a Town Forest for signing. The proposed names for the two parcels will be Acorn Town Forest and West Kingston Town Forest.

Town-Wide Pollinator Project:

Marghi presented a letter to be emailed to KCC’s volunteer list. The letter announces the 2019 pollinator greenway project, advocating planting pollinator gardens, allowing native plants to proliferate, and portions of lawns to be left to flower.

Old Business:

Acorn Drive/DiPietro Incursion:

Since the proposed meeting between the DiPietros and the Select Board did not occur, Don Briggs volunteered to contact them in his capacity as both Selectman and Police Chief. He was

unable to speak with them in person but was able to reach them by phone. He spoke with their son, who assured Chief Briggs that he would no longer ride his ATV on the conservation land trails.

Bucket List:

Hopefully the box made by Campcraft Kids will be installed at Valley Lane in the early spring.

The trash in West Kingston Town Forest needs to be taken out.

The road past the proposed cartop launch site for Country Pond has been confirmed as private, so **the next step is to discuss possible permission for use of the road with Mr. Murphy.**

Other:

SELT and FOKOS update:

Walt asked for signatures for a warrant article to set aside \$10,000 in a capital reserve fund for future conservation property purchases.

Spotted Turtle research article:

Evy presented a Carriage Towne News article on the Fish and Game's appeal for funding a conservation plan for spotted turtles, which are a threatened species in New Hampshire.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm

Next meeting Thursday, February 7, 6:45 pm at the library