

.Minutes:

Kingston Conservation Commission

3/14/19

Meeting called to order 6:45 pm

Present: Marghi Bean, Linda Foss, Bob Smith, Ken Twombly

Excused absence: chair: Evy Nathan was not present because of a medical issue

Marghi Bean and Linda Foss to co-chair for this meeting

Guests: Walt Roy, Jeff Sluder

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from last month's meeting were accepted as written. Motion by Bob, Ken second.

Treasurer's Report:

As John was not present the Treasurer's report will be presented at next month's meeting.

Correspondence:

No new correspondence this month.

New Business:

Warrant Article:

The Acorn/West Kingston Town Forest warrant article passed at town meeting 674 – 541.

HB442 Coyote Pup Protection Legislation:

Voices of Wildlife in NH requested that conservation commissions throughout the state endorse HB442, which will prohibit coyote hunting from April 1 through August 31 to coincide with coyote pup rearing. The Commission voted to endorse this bill, which will be voted on in the coming weeks. Motion by Ken, Bob second, all in favor. Evy voted in favor by email.

Deer Carcass:

A resident reported a deer carcass strung up in a tree in the West Kingston Town Forest. Evy reported this to Deb Goard at SELT, who said she would pass the information along to NHFG.

Pollinator Pathways Project:

Marghi reported that many people stopped by the Conservation Commission table on voting day and that there is strong interest in the pollinator project. The project will be officially kicked off on April 10 at 7pm with the "A Garden for Pollinators and Wildlife" program at the Kingston Community Library.

Kingston 325th:

After some research into options for organizing a running race it was concluded that this event would be too difficult for the Commission to organize and too small to hire a professional race organizer. Other options for a 325th anniversary event were discussed, including a guided walk/hike in the Valley Lane Town Forest and a paddling event the Powwow River in May with FOKOS.

Planning Board, DES, OEP:

*Marshall Road, Bluestone Investment Group. The Commission reviewed the plans, noting that the leach fields for buildings 1 and 2 are situated almost directly on the wetland buffer. We will send comments to the PB.

Signs/Trails/Forests:

Town Forest Assessment:

Town Forest assessment walks with Greg Jordan have been delayed due to weather and snow but are still planned to be completed by the end of the month.

Trails Subcommittee:

Acorn Town Forest has been mapped and the new trails have been completed. Trail markers now need to be put up.

Bob reported that Rick and Ernie plan to use a tractor and trailer to remove the trash from Rockrimmon. They will ask Rich St. Hilaire if it is possible to block access to the trash dumping area with boulders.

Other:

The Commission will meet outside the library at 4pm on Thursday, March 21 for a group photo.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm

Next meeting Thursday, April 4, 6:45 pm at the library