

Minutes

Kingston Conservation Commission

7/11/19

Meeting called to order 6:48 pm

Present: Evy Nathan, Marghi Bean, Linda Foss, Bob Smith, Elizabeth Mello

Richard Wilson (BOS ex officio)

Excused absence: Greg Senko, John Ricker

Guest: Walt Roy

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from last month's meeting were accepted as written. Motion by Marghi, Bob second. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

As John was absent due to illness the Treasurer's report is postponed until the next meeting. Evy proposed that the Commission purchase a book of stamps for correspondence. Motion approved. All in favor.

Correspondence:

Retirement cards were signed for Michael Merritt and Jay Smith of Scout troop 93

RCCD:

Frye still has poison ivy near the trails and some bittersweet and knotweed. Evy asked RCCD if they could do a second round of spraying. Tracy Degnan replied that we would need to obtain another permit for them to spray again.

SELT: Stacy Powers sent a follow-up letter acknowledging our monitoring walks and noting the following issues:

Frye Town Forest. Invasives near the trailhead continue to be an issue.

No. Kingston Town Forest (Back Road). SELT would like to have the permanent tree stand removed and suggest that we fix a notice to the tree requesting that the owner remove the stand.

Dorre Rd. No incursions noted.

Acorn Town Forest. No new ATV incursions noted.

West Kingston Town Forest. Numerous ATV incursions were noted. SELT suggests that we install a gate.

Rte. 107 Town Forest. Tires that rolled down hill at Ken's Auto Salvage still have not been removed.

Letter from USGS: Letter to the Select Board regarding an upcoming presentation on re-mapping floodplain areas for the purpose of redrawing the flood risk map for insurance and emergency personnel.

RCCD: Sent a copy of their Annual Report.

NH DOT: DOT will be resurfacing Route 111 from Route 125 to Danville Rd. and requested a list of priority wetland mitigation sites in Kingston that could benefit from this project.

Michelle Merritt scouting project: Michelle is looking for ideas for an environmental project, preferably involving wetlands, for scouting. Evy considered proposing restoration of the hiking trails behind the Bakie school, as there are wetlands adjacent to the trails and the project would also benefit Bakie students.

SRHS Principal Brian Stack: Sent an email offering the services of student who can do drone photography.

New Business:

Evy noted that there has been an excess of trash in the barrel at the Greenwood Pond beach and that apparently no one is responsible for its removal. She suggested that we find out who in town is responsible for trash removal.

Rec Center garden. Evy will coordinate counselors and a team of children to work in the garden. Plants were donated by Heron Pond Farm.

The Valley Lane pollinator garden cleanup will take place on July 21.

Kingston 325th Events:

Charles Kerwin, PhD Geology from Keene State, will lead the geology hike on the Red Trail at Valley Lane, starting at 9am on Saturday, July 20.

Wildflower Garden restoration: Event will be held on July 21, volunteer Melissa Butler has stepped forward to help lead the project.

Pollinator Pathways: The East Kingston Conservation Commission, and possibly the Sandown Conservation Commission, will partner with Kingston on the Pollinator Pathways project. Marghi and Vicki Brown from East Kingston CC will set up a table at Kingston Days promoting the project and offering native plants for sale.

Vicki suggested that the Commission pay \$150 to host a presentation by Patty Laughlin of Lorax Landscaping on pollinator gardens. Marghi motioned, Elizabeth seconded, all in favor.

Marghi also suggested a future field trip to Newfields to view a pollinator garden.

Planning Board, DES, OEP:

*Marshall Road Map R41 Lot 7. The developers have proposed two building plans. The open space plan, which clusters the houses, will have less impact on wetlands on the property than the conventional plan.

*Mitchell subdivision. This more detailed plan included a wetland scientist's stamp. No comments.

*Murray's Auto Recycling, 4 Main St. A letter from GeoInsight states that there are no VOCs or other contamination found on property.

*AAAL. Dennis Quintal provided a detailed summary of landscaping efforts at the site, including grass seeding and maintenance of the berm bordering the wetlands.

Signs/Trails/Forests:

Valley Lane trails have been uploaded to Trailfinder. Frye needs to be re-mapped since the blue trail was re-routed. The bog bridges have been installed by eagle candidate James Merritt, but still need some work to even the boards. Additional trails markers have been put up in Acorn Town Forest.

- Frye Town Forest Gelina ball field incursion: There is reported to be a 30' right of way from Ram's Way into Frye Town Forest property that will provide access to view this area. The trail committee will investigate.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Next meeting Thursday, August 8, 6:45 pm at the library