

Kingston Conservation Commission Meeting
April 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:45.

In attendance were: Evy Nathan, Mary-Jane Twombly, Ken Twombly Sr., Jeff Sluder, Bob Smith, Linda Foss, Marghi Bean

Guest: Walt Roy

There were no minutes from March due to no meeting, due to back-to-back nor'easters.

First order of business was to discuss a call from Ernie Landry in reference to a parcel of land on Rte. 111, part of which is in Kingston and part in East Kingston. It used to be a campground, then was utilized for spring water. The towns of Kingston and East Kingston are hoping to purchase it cooperatively as a conservation parcel. Ernie Landry and Rick Russman of FOKOS are working with SELT, the owner, and East Kingston, on the possibility of acquiring the land. Evy has hiked it. It has excellent features, including a swimming pond and several beautiful trails, fields, wetlands, old groves and stonewalls. It's also a water source, which could be important to the town. Ernie Landry has asked Conservation to contribute \$1000 toward an appraisal. The members voted unanimously to make this contribution. The CC believes that the most efficacious way of saving exemplary tracts of open space from development is by conservation.

***Evy is to ask Ernie about bids from several appraisers.**

Trails:

Trail Map Committee

Report: Bob Smith:

The goal of the trail map committee is to offer a central repository for Kingston trail maps, both online, and possibly a kiosk on the plains where all primary, public trails can be read in the same mapping style. They also hope to offer QR codes for scanning with smart phones.

No trapping Signs will be placed by Ken Twombly in town forests:

Valley Lane	1
Frye	3
E T's Landing	1
Dorre	2
Route 107	1

A large culvert is being replaced on Rte 125/Rte 111 near the boat ramp. We received paperwork for DES from DOT. Ken will review and Evy sign if Ken finds no issues.

***ALL AMERICAN ASSISTED LIVING**

Plans show a new wood chip heating system. CC has no PB comment

Meeks Road: added trees and shrubs for sound buffers. CC has no PB comment

North Road: We could not find any wetlands on this subdivision map, although a wetland scientist had signed it. CC will comment accordingly to PB

Kings landing:

Four CC members met for an ad hoc meeting at the library to review new plans and discuss the vernal pool boundary issues at King's Landing. We made recommendations to the PB regarding reducing KL open space and adding open upland buffer near the pool to offset the VP buffer incursion proposed. The KL committee seemed pleased with the compromise. Evy also gave the committee, Robert Marley, Richard Sylvain, et al, info pamphlets on Blandings and other NH turtles, and the UNH Vernal Pool pamphlet, to distribute to homeowners abutting the pool and wetlands.

Other:

Boy Scouts will be putting up the owl nesting house at ET's Landing.

Evy action item: order another Turtle Crossing sign.

Action item: Jeff, Bob, Ken and Walt put in the turtle signs. If materials are needed, keep receipts.

*Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary-Jane O. Twombly
Secretary*