

Minutes

Special Meeting to discuss payment of the Foreco invoice

Kingston Conservation Commission

3/14/2021

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm via Zoom

Present: Evy Nathan, Marghi Bean, Linda Foss, Bob Smith, Greg Senko, Elizabeth Mello, Donald Briggs (Select Board ex officio)

Excused Absence: Shaw Tilton, Geof Harris, Melissa Butler

Commission reinstatement:

Since Linda's and Greg's commissions expired on March 31 and they had not yet been reinstated, there was a question as to whether they would be able to vote. Susan Ayer informed Evy that since neither member has been replaced and both have been carrying on their usual activities for the CC, they would be considered de facto members with voting rights. Linda had been voted in as Secretary in the annual vote at the January meeting. Chief Briggs made a motion to reinstate Linda and Greg. Motion seconded by Evy, all in favor. They will be sworn in pending Select Board approval.

Foreco invoice payment:

Foreco presented an invoice to the town for the forest management plans for Acorn Town Forest and West Kingston Town Forest for the following amount:

Acorn Town Forest Management Plan:	\$2,800
West Kingston Town Forest Management Plan:	\$2,185
Total:	\$4,985

The terms of the contract stated payment due within 30 days of receipt of invoice.

Evy contacted Ron Klemarczyk and negotiated to pay for the Acorn Town Forest plan now, with payment for the West Kingston Town Forest plan to be deducted from the proceeds of the upcoming timber sale.

Greg suggested that Evy request a new invoice from Foreco reflecting the revised payment terms.

Treasurer Shaw Tilton could not attend the meeting but recommended by email that the invoice be paid from the Conservation Fund and to save the Forest Fund for future forest maintenance

expenses. He suggested paying \$300 - \$600 from the 2021 Professional Services budget line item, and the remainder from the Conservation Fund reserves.

Marghi, Bob and Greg expressed concern about depleting the 2021 Professional Services budget. Bob proposed paying \$300 from Professional Services, as Shaw suggested, and keeping a \$300 balance for future use.

Evy made a motion to pay Foreco \$2,800 for the Acorn Town Forest Management Plan, with \$300 coming from Professional Services and \$2,500 from Conservation Fund reserves. Motion seconded by Marghi, all in favor.

Beaver pipe:

Evy informed the CC that she had hoped to also use this special meeting to vote on funding the emergency installation of a beaver pipe on Great Pond Road. However, with the upcoming storm and risk of flooding there will not be enough time to install the pipe, and the Highway Department will need to remove the dam.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Foss, Secretary