

Minutes  
**Kingston Conservation Commission**  
7/8/2021

Meeting called to order at 6:49pm at the Kingston Community Library

Present: Evy Nathan, Linda Foss, Shaw Tilton, Greg Senko, Donald Briggs (Select Board ex officio)

Guests: Jeff Sluder, Walt Roy

Excused Absence: Marghi Bean, Elizabeth Mello, Bob Smith, Melissa Butler, Geof Harris

**Secretary's Report:**

Minutes from the 6/3/21 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes as corrected, all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Shaw presented the current bank account balances:

Conservation Fund: \$23,754.86

Forest Fund: \$ 5,233.37

Shaw modified the Conservation Fund balance reporting to show the \$14,000 as the milfoil remediation reserve and the remaining funds as the working balance.

Expenditures: Greg was reimbursed \$72.27 for materials for the Noyes property bridge.

**Correspondence:**

Nature Conservancy - Sargent Property monitoring report. The report states that the property is in good condition, and pointed out known incursions (mowing, ATV use, shells from target shooting). Chief Briggs contacted John's Truck and Auto Salvage regarding the oil barrel dumped over the berm and suggested that the CC check to see if it has been removed. There was a question as to whether target shooting is a permitted use since hunting is permitted. Greg will research this.

**Planning Board, DES, OEP:**

Campers Inn. Map R21 Lot 16. Plan for a proposed parking lot for display of campers.

**Comments:** This project falls within the Aquifer Protection District. Since RVs will be parked on the site the CC would like to see detailed plans for the capture of gas and oil spills and runoff.

The CC would also like to know the exact area of impervious coverage as a percentage of the total lot size, and whether that exceeds the limits set forth in the Aquifer Protection District ordinance.

Granite Fields. Map R2 Lot 4. Amended plan for proposed commercial buildings and a larger paved area for access and parking.

**Comments:** As this project directly abuts a large wetland complex, part of the Little River, the CC has concerns regarding additional runoff. The upland developed area already entails substantial impervious coverage and associated runoff. Little River flows southeast from two quarries, one known for having caused serious pollution in the past - and is still under ongoing DES regulation to remediate the damage.

While this plan is stamped by a wetland scientist, his determinations were based on federal wetland guidelines as opposed to local and state guidelines. In order to adequately assess what the impact of this project would be on Little River and its associated wetlands, the CC would like an independent determination. We request that the Planning Board choose a wetland scientist to perform an assessment of buffers according to Kingston ordinances, and what the projected impact of additional impervious surface on the wetlands and river would be. There should also be a proper assessment of the wetland's value according to the "NH Method". This assessment would be compensated by the owner as part of the project bond. Additionally, the CC would like information on how this project would comply with MS4 requirements for this property, abutting properties, and the town.

### **Trails Subcommittee:**

Valley Lane: A work session is scheduled for July 17 to begin bridge repair and to cut back brush on the trails, at the trail head and around the pollinator garden.

Frye: Jeff Sluder replaced the Hunt tire dump fire information sign.

Ahl/Noyes: The bridge has been completed and the trails marked.

Trail Maps: Evy asked that trail intersections be marked with letters, which will be printed on corresponding maps. She also asked that maps include directions to other nearby conservation properties.

### **Pollinator Pathways Subcommittee:**

- The interactive map submitted to the Rockingham Planning Commission is now online.
- The seed bank table for Pollinator week was a success and the children's grab bags were very popular.

Upcoming events and public outreach:

- Wildflower/bird/tree walk at Camp Kent (Amesbury) in July
- Booth at Kingston Days

### **New Business:**

NH BioBlitz: UNH Extension is sponsoring a BioBlitz during the month of September. The purpose is to partner with New Hampshire communities to document as many species as possible on town-owned lands all over the state. The CC will participate in the BioBlitz and will encourage Kingston residents to participate, as well. UNH Extension is holding Zoom training on Tuesday, August 10 from 12 – 1pm. Sign up can be done through the NatureGroupie website.

NHACC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: This year's anniversary celebration will be held at Bear Brook State Park on September 11.

Brochure rack: Evy obtained a brochure rack to display literature at the town hall. She requested updated trail maps and any other conservation-related information for the display.

Website trail and map information: Greg and Linda are working on reorganization of trail and map information for the CC's website. This information will provide the basis for a future trail brochure.

### **Old Business:**

Manuel/Sargent projects. Greg has submitted documentation on the Manuel boat launch and Sargent parking area projects to the Select Board and has an appointment to answer their questions at the July 26 meeting.

Acorn Timber Harvest. Ron Klemarczyk will be marking trees for the harvest within the next two weeks.

Country Pond retaining wall complaint. Greg asked about the status of this complaint, which originated in July 2020 and required a restoration plan in January 2021.

Country Pond paddle event. With the upcoming work needed to prepare grant applications, CPLA will probably need to schedule this event in the spring of 2022.

Beaver control. Evy obtained a quote from Bestway Wildlife Control for \$1,250 to install a beaver pipe at the Route 107 Town Forest dam site.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm

Next meeting Thursday, August 5, 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Foss, Secretary*