

Minutes
Kingston Conservation Commission
10/7/2021

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm at the Kingston Community Library

Present: Evy Nathan, Marghi Bean, Linda Foss, Shaw Tilton, Greg Senko, Bob Smith, Geof Harris, Melissa Butler

Guests: Jeff Sluder, Walt Roy

Excused Absence: Greg Senko, Elizabeth Mello, Donald Briggs (Select Board ex officio)

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the 9/9/21 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Shaw presented the current bank account balances:

Conservation Fund: \$23,091.15, working balance \$9,091.15

Forest Fund: \$ 5,234.68

- NHACC annual dues totaling \$350.00 have been paid.
- PPNH received payment for a presentation at the Plaistow library in the form of a check for \$50 made out to PP. Shaw will find out if Marghi, as PP chair, is authorized to sign the check.
- Greg was reimbursed \$157.70 for materials for Valley Lane bridge repair.
- Greg submitted a receipt for \$319.33 for two new game cameras, to be reimbursed from the Supplies budget.

Acorn Town Forest Timber Harvest proposals

Ron Klemarczyk of Foreco submitted the three bids he received for the timber harvest. The highest bid was \$16,380 from the contractor (R.E.Lee) who completed the Valley Lane harvest. Since there had been issues with the other logger at the Bresnahan Storage Unit site, the CC agreed upon Mr. Lee. MM&S, all in favor.

LCIP Monitoring Walks:

Monitoring walks will be completed by the end of November. Assignments are:

Bake - Marghi and Melissa; Russman - Geof and Jeff; Manuel - Greg and Linda; Mayhew - Evy and Shaw; Bakie - Evy and Elizabeth

Correspondence:

- NH DES VLAP water test results for Great Pond and Country Pond

Planning Board, DES, OEP, ZBA:

Smallpox Road. Map R19 Combined Lots 30 & 31. Excavation and restoration plan for proposed building lot. No further comment.

21 Colby Road. Map R7 Lot 20-7 (Campbell). Comment: The proposed building addition is outside the wetland buffer, but there is no wetland scientist's stamp on the plans.

Saddle Up Saloon. The latest plans show a change to the snow storage area. No comment.

ZBA: Route 125 Service Station Map R40 Lot 15. Evy requested that ConCom members attend the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on October 14. Although there are no updated plans available for this project, it will fall within the Aquifer Protection District. There is also an issue with rare plants possibly having been removed from the site.

Trails Subcommittee:

- Valley Lane: On September 18 the Boy Scouts removed all the scrap lumber from this summer's bridge repairs and carried in the lumber for the new bridge on the Blue Trail. The ConCom is grateful for their help, which saved Trails volunteers many hours of hard work. Evy will send a thank you card and will ask about giving the Scouts a \$50 gift certificate for a pizza party. A work session was held on September 25 to build and install the new Blue trail bridge.
- Manuel car top boat launch. Evy proposed purchasing the signs for Green Road in 2021, as the site isn't ready for general use yet.
- Kiosk Maps: Mark Battle, a friend of Geof's with extensive experience in graphic design, has volunteered to help the ConCom design kiosk maps. He should have a proposal ready by our next meeting.
- Sargent: Evy mentioned a possible use of professional services funds next year for the removal of knotweed at Sargent.

Pollinator Pathways Subcommittee:

- PPNH had a booth at the SELT Trailfest with Vicki Brown

- PPNH staffed a table at the Epping Fair
- Marghi published the PPNH September newsletter
- PPNH needs a venue for the annual fall seed swap in November, as the library meeting room will be too small with the current 13-person limit. Evy will ask if it can be held at the Town Hall.

New Business:

- NHACC Annual Meeting and Conference: This year's NHACC Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom on November 6. Evy reminded all ConCom members to register for the workshop sessions.

Other:

- Ken's Auto Salvage has volunteered to remove the oil drums and other waste illegally dumped on Frye Road. Briefly discussed the use of dummy cameras there. Need to contact Mr. Kalman.
- As a result of the September Bioblitz, Evy discovered a state record plant (*Salvia azurea*) at Busch Farm in Newton!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Next meeting Thursday, November 4, 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Foss, Secretary