

Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes - Jan. 8, 2015

Called to order 7:05 pm

Attending: Evy Nathan, Marghi Bean, Paul Blais, Ken Trombly, Jeff Sluder, Andrea Kenter

Visitors: Walt Roy, Bob Smith,

Minutes: from Dec. were approved

Treasurer's Report:

There was money left over from the 2014 from Milfoil testing. After settling the accounts with the town our checking account has been credited with \$1988.40. Our 2015 budget will be approved at the March 2015 Town Meeting.

In discussion it was decided that KCC needs to look into getting a lake water testing program installed at Greenwood Pond as we didn't use all the water testing money in the budget. Volunteers would be needed for this. Also boats should be inspected for milfoil - lake hosts would be needed for this.

Correspondence:

Seth Hickey in Stratham has asked for information and help in making forest management plan for Stratham.

Debbie Goard (SELT) has confirmed that the LaBranch Farm has been sold. We are hoping that we could use a small piece of land to aid in the H.S. nectar trail project.

Planning Board;

There is a cease and desist order on the property at 51 North Rd.

6 Sands lane dock permit. Approved last meeting

Intent to cut for Trendezza on Marshall Rd. The cut is in progress and almost finished

Discussion on intent to cut notification.

Daher Motors/ electric line

This seems to be for the building across the road from Daher Motors in Rte. 125. Lighting is needed for a storage area. There has been equipment stolen from these storage units. The map provided didn't seem to be the correct one for this project

The Shell station on Rte. 125 is moving a sign away from the road for better visibility.

Old and ongoing business:

The 2014 yearly report has been submitted

Need to find some open fields for the HS "nectar trails" project

Ideas:

Across from the VFW on North Rd.

Kenter's have a field on Marshall Rd.

Fields on Rte. 125 with access to Rte. 107. Owners are in Methuen.

The federal Wetlands Reserve Protection program might have property we could use

Shore Rd.-- small segment of hayfield? (Irving Woodman farm on South Rd.)

Magnussen property

Old Fair Grounds

Granite Fields on Rt. 125

Perhaps need bee keepers also

Alternate needs for ESRLAC/SEWA

Evy has done all the meetings.. There are probably 12 meeting each year.

Members are needed to represent us on this committee. (Town Rules)

We need to rotate going to the meetings so no one is going to all of them.

New Business:

Evy & Marghi went through paper work that Dave had collected; Most of it was concerning the Town Forests It is now in the file in the town Hall. It is a good chronology of the building of the five town forests.

Warren Whitcomb is in process of making a memorial for Bruce Anderson. Bruce was with Dave Ingalls when Dave's plane crashed. Bruce was very involved in different aspects of conservation in Kingston. Warren has a pretty piece of property overlooking Pow Wow Pond. KCC will ask if a donation would be appropriate to help with this memorial. Under the trees there would be two cement benches and a boulder with a plaque. It is a quiet peaceful spot.

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GOALS for 2015 - action items

Evy is going to contact the photo teacher at SRHS. Evy has talked with Jeff Gleason at Camp Lincoln. We need to get more young people involved in our photography contest. Discussion of how to promote the contest. KCC is going to join the Arbor Day Foundation. We will get some free trees. We can organize some plantings with the school children in Kingston.

Andrea is putting together an "information" brochure for residents.

Bob Smith will chair a Trail map effort. Perhaps an online and printable edition

Ken & Marghi are going to scout out the trails and find an appropriate trail that could be handicap or limited handicap accessible.

Discussion on buying a trail camera. For what purpose and where? Ken might be able to get a camera for us. We need to get one that is video and not photos.

SELT update

Walt, Ernie Landry and Paul Auger have finished the 220' bridge on the Tucker-French properties. There is one bridge left to finish.

Other:

There is a small piece of town property on Sean Lane.(off North Rd.) There is a wet area and turtles.

Next Meeting: Feb. 5th

Adjourned at 8:45 pm