

Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes

August 3, 2017

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

Attending: Evy Nathan, Jeff Sluder, Marghi Bean, Emily Calhoun, Ken Twombly, Geoff Harris

Guests: Walt Roy, MaryAnn Klemarczyk, Fancine Chandler, Mary Jane Twombly

Secretary's report:

- One edit of "May minutes" to "June minutes"
- Move to accept: Ken; Second: Marghi
 - All in favor of accepting July minutes pending edit mentioned above

Treasurer's report:

- There are some areas identified that we have not spent funds
 - Have not acted on hiring a surveyor under professional services budget
 - Possibility of using Professional Services account to survey line at ET's Landing to assist with clarification on right- of- way
 - Overall budget in good shape
- Evy turned in 2 lake water testing bills today and other receipts to Jeff; Emily turned in receipt to Jeff for Kingston Days materials
- Budget for 2018 due to Selectmen and Budget Committee:
 - Jeff would like to submit for approval next week
 - ****Jeff action item**
 - KCC has been able to operate well with budget that we have
 - Adjust mileage and meals?
 - KCC voted to leave as- is
 - Adjust professional services?
 - KCC voted to leave as- is
 - Adjust seminars and training?
 - Would give us the opportunity to attend more trainings and workshops
 - KCC voted to leave as- is
- Evy printed 100 copies of Trail Passport for Kingston Days

Correspondence:

- Complaint re: New Boston Rd (neighbors filling wetlands)
 - Evy visited site to evaluate
 - Evy gave 2 copies of complaint form for complainant to send to DES
- Letter from KPB re: capital improvements (see below in Planning Board, DES, OEP)
- R/d estimates from James Lavelle Associates for adjusting right- of- way at ET's Landing
 - Need to figure out where the property line exists; KCC hoped for re- marking of already in- place stakes (surveyed and placed in 2005 by James Lavelle Associates)
 - Estimate came in at \$750
 - States for: stake at right side of lot at right- of- way 200+ ft.
 - Evy will clarify needs with James Lavelle Associates and bring back to KCC
 - Current estimate is outside of our budget, without resolve with Lavelle associates and then possibility of going to Selectmen meeting and requesting town financial support for project

- ****Evy action item**
- Email re: Fish and Game publications
 - Evy will send link to KCC
 - Email re: information to land owners

Planning Board, DES, OEP:

- Sharing Selectmen's meetings and PB meetings duties
 - At least one KCC member should attend their meetings in relation to conservation issues
 - Evy will send upcoming meetings to KCC members
 - **** Evy action item**
- Plans: Solar Hills Phase 2 Plans
 - Can they clarify the drainage easement?
 - Is it an infiltration trench?
 - KCC asks if a wetland scientist should review plans
 - Evy will summarize and send KCC questions/
 - **** Evy action item**
- Capital improvements funding
 - Possible use of gates to deter ATVs at Acorn
 - Has to be minimum of \$10,000 – well beyond any of KCC's project financial needs
 - KCC voted that Capital improvements is outside of our scale

Sign/Trails/Forests Report:

- Signs at Valley Lane: Jeff and Walt
 - Project delayed; to be picked up next week (post Kingston Days)
- Report on site walks at Dorre
 - Evy completed 3 walks
 - Dorre: no trespassing signs are down; gate is still in place (on class 6 road); forest looks good, could use some management; squatter camp has been removed
 - 107 Town Forest: no incursions found
- Trail Passport grant update: Emily
 - Grant submitted!
 - Should hear from New England Grassroots Environment Fund in a couple of weeks, Emily will report
- Possible girl scouts at Frye
 - Girl scouts took trip to Frye to clean trails
 - Moving trail would be too difficult for age and ability of girls
 - KCC to request workday from Timberland instead
 - Evy sent Timberland documents to Emily, Emily to review submitting application
 - **** Emily (and Evy) action item**
- Dead tree progress at Frye
 - Removal in progress
 - 2 other downed trees on the white trail
- ET's Landing survey estimates
 - See summary in Correspondence
- Visit to Gordon Bakie (correspondence with Rick Russman)
 - Evy visited Gordon, house off of Rockrimmon Rd.
 - Owns tree farm and allows walkers/ hikers

- Maintains trails for Jane Christie, resident
- Evy asked for possibility for Gordon to assist with KCC forest management?
 - Gordon has many other obligations
- Evy emailed Rick Russman re: timber cut on trail off Rockrimmon Rd.
 - Rick Russman filed intent to cut; cut last winter
 - Would he be willing to be a consultant on wood lots – yes!
 - KCC will keep Rick in mind for future wood lot work
- Blazes to be re- marked every 7- 10 years (Dorre and possibly other forests)
 - According to forest management report
 - Move to Bucket List
- Letter needed to Ken's Auto Salvage re: tires in wetland
 - Some tires have rolled into wetland
 - Evy will write letter from KCC
 - Appreciative of support with site walks, we respectfully ask for tires to be removed
 - Evy will share letter to KCC for feedback
 - **** Evy action item**

New and Ongoing business:

- Kingston Days plans and schedule
 - Marghi has run- down and schedule
 - Ken: 11 am- 1 pm
 - Evy: 10 am- 12 pm
 - Marghi: 6 am- 10 am
 - Geoff: afternoon
 - Bob Smith: afternoon
 - Marghi will send email with final plans
 - **** Marghi action item**
 - Set- up Saturday morning
 - Kids' craft (peat pots), banner, Trail Passports, trail systems maps, bowl of candy, "Where in Kingston" guessing board, Conservation Commission "recruitment" board
 - Need easels and sign- up sheet for recruitment
- Paul Blais (gift)
 - Thinks he can make it on 9/7
 - Evy has everything prepared to give (framed photo and certificate)
- Bluebird Houses (need by September)
 - Need to be built
 - ****Marghi action item (after Kingston Days)**
 - Ken found a couple of camera options
 - KCC decided on an option and will be purchasing
- NHACC maps workshop ****Reminder**
 - September 17th, 1 – 3 pm
- Steve Walker re: wetland filling on LCHIP land
 - Ongoing
 - Evy has not heard back
 - KCC will keep in touch
- Volunteers for refreshments needed at NHACC workshop
 - Emily, Marghi, and Evy will cover refreshment
 - Will determine what's needed closer to the date

- **** Emily, Marghi, and Evy action item**

Bucket List: All items remain on bucket list

Erosion at Kingston Rec.

- Is this between Selectmen, DES, and receiving a grant?
- Could be project for Eagle Scout?
- Evy to check on sand on town beach
 - **** Evy action item**

Rockrimmon/ Acorn: next town forest

Frye timber cut next winter

Dorre timber cut

Add to Bucket List: Blazes to be re- marked

SELT and FOKOS update: Walt Roy

- Walt has many projects with Museum and Kingston Days
 - Marghi made 8 large signs for Museum
- “Sustainability Squad” doings
 - Kids having fun with camp and Sustainability Squad activities

Other

- MaryAnn from DJ Bakie School (meeting guest)
 - Project from Kingston Museum Committee on Herbarium project
 - Grant funded from NH Audubon Schoolyard Habitat project
 - Excited to continue project; added and shaped from the beginning
 - Became a science curriculum; building onto a curriculum she started with 5th grade
 - Herbarium project will continue with Biosphere section of next year’s curriculum
- Evy explored history of Frye Farm
 - Date back to mid- 19th century

Adjourned, 8:42 pm

Next meeting: September 7, library