

Minutes
Kingston Conservation Commission
8/4/2022

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

Present: Evy Nathan, Linda Foss, Shaw Tilton, Greg Senko, Elizabeth Mello, Melissa Butler

Excused Absence: Marghi Bean, Bob Smith, Geof Harris

Guests: Walt Roy, Jeff Sluder

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the 7/7/2022 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Shaw provided a budget summary:

Conservation Fund: \$28,213.47
(Working Balance \$9,937.47, Aquatic Invasives Reserve \$18,276.00)

Forest Fund: \$ 17,250.77

Funding for the remaining trails work will come from the Conservation Fund as the Trails and Supplies budget has been depleted for this year. Jeff asked if the Conservation Fund balance was trending up or down. Shaw reported that it is stable. Elizabeth asked about increasing individual line items in the budget for 2023. Jeff asked about the unspent balance for Dues. Evy explained that all of the dues are paid in December so the entire dues budget will be used by the end of 2022.

Correspondence:

- Evy received an email from Christine Bunyon, a graduate student at UNH who is studying cyanobacteria blooms. She asked permission to observe the current bloom on Greenwood Pond by kayak and drone on August 3. Evy referred her to the Select Board, which granted her permission.
- SELT Views newsletter. Meadow's Mirth Farm in Brentwood is hosting a tour on September 10.
- VLAP water test reports for Great Pond, Powwow Pond and Country Pond.
- Follow-up email from Charlotte Harding, OSI Stewardship Specialist. Ms. Harding sent copies of the monitoring walk reports from her visit to Kingston's LCIP properties last week. She added that these reports can be used as this year's required annual report, with the exception of Manuel and Mayhew.

Planning Board, DES, OEP, ZBA:

- There were no plans to review at the time of the meeting.

Trails Committee:

- Manuel: Greg met with the Highway Department to review the work to be done at the boat launch site. In addition to the proposed work to establish an entrance and exit and prevent trailer access, the Highway Department will add wood chips to the launch area to help prevent stormwater runoff. A work session will be held August 18 to do a final clean up and install the signs.

Frye Town Forest: A work session is scheduled for August 11 to install the bog bridges and game camera, and to install the Leopold benches built by Camp Lincoln.

Pollinator Pathways NH Committee:

- Barbara Willis of the Epping Conservation Commission reported that they plan to create a pollinator garden/monarch waystation in Miriam Jackson Park.
- Evy is working on a summer newsletter.
- Evy recruited 4 volunteers to weed the pollinator garden at the Rec Center. Elizabeth proposed that local businesses be encouraged to “adopt” town pollinator gardens to ensure regular weeding to keep them from becoming overgrown.
- Upcoming PPNH events:
 - Table at Kingston Days on August 6 (KCC, Trails, PPNH)
 - Presentation to the Monadnock Garden Club on September 21
 - Workshop with Newmarket Conservation Commission on October 15

Old Business/Bucket List:

- Invasives at Sargent
- ROW Eversource
- Consideration of a historical marker at ET’s Landing for Indigenous People’s Day
- Granit update
- Improved trails intersection signage
- Beaver pipes 107

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

Next meeting Thursday, September 8, 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Foss, Secretary