

Minutes  
**Kingston Conservation Commission**  
11/3/2022

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

Present: Evy Nathan, Linda Foss, Shaw Tilton, Greg Senko, Geof Harris, Elizabeth Mello, Bob Smith, Kevin St. James (Select Board Ex-Officio)

Excused Absence: Marghi Bean

Guests: Jeff Sluder, Walt Roy

**Secretary's Report:**

Minutes from the 10/6/2022 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Shaw provided a budget summary:

Conservation Fund: \$28,271.51  
(Working Balance \$9,995.51, Aquatic Invasives Reserve \$18,276.00)

Forest Fund: \$ 17,281.91

**2023 Budget Meeting Report:**

Following Shaw and Evy's presentation of the proposed 2023 budget, Budget Committee Vice Chair Rick Russman proposed increasing the trails maintenance line item from \$2,000 to \$3,000, as year-to-date trail maintenance expenditures are \$2,878 through mid-November and more trail development is planned for 2023. Mr. Russman's proposal was passed by a vote of 4-3. MM&S to change the Conservation Commission's proposed budget to reflect this increase.

Greg asked if the Forest Fund withdrawal warrant article should be reduced from the \$8,000 that was previously approved by the Conservation Commission. Evy said it should remain at \$8,000 as the funds do not have to be used in 2023 and other unanticipated expenses may arise.

**Warrant Articles:**

Shaw sent the proposed warrant articles for withdrawing money from the Forest Fund and adding several town-owned lots to Valley Lane Town Forest to the Department of Revenue Administration for approval.

### **Correspondence:**

- A citizen contacted the Conservation Commission through the town website to ask if it would be possible to compost dog waste at the Live Free and Run Dog Park. Evy replied that the park's proximity to wetlands would prohibit the use of on-site composting, and existing commercial composting units are too small for the park's needs.
- NH DES VLAP report for Country Pond.
- Follow-up letter from SELT regarding Valley Lane monitoring walk. Jennifer Dickinson reported that Valley Lane was found to be in very good condition with no incursions. However, the northern corner boundary pipe is on the ground. While the marked witness trees are still there, the pipe will need to be professionally re-set. Evy will research what is required to accomplish this. Kevin St. James suggested that we contact the town engineer, Dennis Quintal.

### **Powwow Pond Council Annual Meeting:**

Evy attended the PPC annual meeting and reported that it was well attended. Cutting navigation channels with a towable weed cutter is ongoing, but the PPC is in the final year of their 5-year weed control contract with NH DES.

### **Book of Conserved Properties Update:**

Evy asked for volunteers to help update the town's book of conserved properties. She asked Jeff, Geof and Linda if they could help.

### **Planning Board, DES, OEP, ZBA:**

- 11 New Boston Road Intent to Cut. The Conservation Commission will approve as there are no wetlands on the site.
- Campers Inn. Plans for paved display area. No comment as there are no wetlands on the site.
- Long Pond Dam. Evy received a Dredge and Fill permit application for the proposed demolition and rebuild of the Long Pond Dam by the landowner. Evy will consult with Town Engineer Dennis Quintal regarding the process.

### **Pollinator Pathways NH Committee:**

- The Annual Seed Exchange at the Recreation Center was a huge success, with over 100 attendees.
- PPNH was invited to help the Timberland Middle School create a pollinator garden. A presentation is scheduled for next week.
- Events are now being planned for next spring.

### **Trails Committee:**

- Greg will soon be leaving for his winter job in Maine. Geof will be the main point of contact in his absence.
- Acorn: Two work sessions were held to extend the White trail. An additional session will be scheduled to connect the White trail to the Orange trail to keep the trail system within the Town Forest boundary. The map will be ready for printing as soon as Greg adds some minor details.
- Frye/Valley Lane: A work session was scheduled to remove a large hazard tree from the Frye Blue trail, but the work party arrived to find that the tree had fallen on its own. The work party continued to Valley Lane to remove a fallen tree from the Blue trail.
- Manuel: Greg reviewed the photos from the cartop boat launch game camera. The photos show the site being used appropriately by kayakers, fishermen and hunters.
- Sargent: The next work session to be scheduled will address the ATV wetland incursion at the south end of the property.
- Currier WMA/Map R-16 conserved properties: In 2023 the Trails Committee will investigate marking trails on the conserved properties in this area. Trail access would be through town-owned lot R16-13, which is accessible from Rowell Road.

### **Old Business/Bucket List:**

- Historical marker at ET's Landing
- Granit update - to be done after conservation properties book
- Improved trails intersection signage

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Next meeting Thursday, December 8, 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Foss, Secretary*