

Minutes: Kingston Conservation Commission

8/9/18

Meeting called to order 6:45 pm

Present: Evy Nathan, Marghi Bean, John Ricker, Greg Senko, Linda Foss, Bob Smith

Guests: Walt Roy

Secretary's report:

Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and accepted as written

Treasurer's Report:

John reported that he had met with Jeff for training, and that he now has his name on the KCC bank account. John has introduced himself to Finance Director Cindy Kenerson, who confirmed that she will forward all future KCC financial information to him.

John presented the proposed 2019 budget.

The Commission agreed in favor of having Hampstead Print & Copy print approximately 100 pc. of Kingston Conservation Commission letterhead stationery, as well as the write-on trail signs, Public Education funds to be used to print additional copies of the Kingston Trail Passport brochure.

Greg Senko confirmed that he will submit a letter outlining Country Pond Lake Association's request for water testing funding within the next week.

Correspondence:

Supply Lines, a newsletter from the NH DES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau, featured articles on stormwater management.

Kingston Planning Board sent a letter asking KCC for capital improvements submissions; we do not expect to have any.

Seacoast Science Center sent an invitation to a free floodplain management workshop on Saturday, September 13, 3:30 – 5:30 pm.

The NH Association of Conservation Commissions sent an announcement that their annual meeting will be held on Saturday, November 3 at Pembroke Academy.

Hannah Epstein of SELT sent a letter summarizing the monitoring walks at Dorre Road, Frye, north Kingston and Rockrimmon. She commented that Dorre Road, Frye and north Kingston were in good condition. She noted that SELT Stewardship Director Debbie Goard will work on a letter to the property owner regarding remediation of the openings that had been made in the stone wall property border in the Rockrimmon Road area.

Ellen Faulconer of the Kingston Planning Board informed the Commission that the 11" x 14" photocopied plans are finalized plans for our records, and no further action is needed.

Current monthly Volunteer Lake Assessment Program data was received for water testing at Great Pond and Powwow Pond. It was noted that VLAP annual report data can be viewed online.

Planning Board minutes. It was noted that if a plan is labeled "No Wetlands", it should also bear a stamp of approval from a wetlands scientist.

Planning Board, DES, OEP:

NH DES has issued the permit to DOT to reconstruct the culvert from Great Pond near Bolton's Restaurant.

NH DES sent notification regarding Powwow Pond Council's request to cut channels for boat access, stating that their decision was still pending, as abutters had not been notified.

The Planning Board has approved the business permit for the auto salvage yard at 4 Main St. It was noted that Don Briggs still has some concerns about site contamination and pollution in the pond behind the junkyard. He recommended a Site Level 2 inspection before the permit is issued. The Board voted against his proposal. The CC feels it would be beneficial to know if the land is contaminated before the new salvage yard goes in.

Saddle Up Saloon site walk - Evy reported on her site walk with Calvin Diessner, a representative from SEC & Associates who stood in for Charlie Zilch, and several representatives from Saddle Up. Calvin Diessner stated that the parking lot, goat pen and goats are all grandfathered. It was pointed out that buffer vegetation should be provided; Saddle Up stated that they had cleared vegetation, allegedly to remove poison ivy. Calvin noted that because the pavers in the outside seating area added to the total impervious surface, Saddle Up will have to take remedial action somewhere else to make up for the additional potential runoff.

Bresnahan – It was not clear that there were any significant changes from the last set of plans. Evy will compare with the previous plan.

Hawk's Ridge – A letter was received regarding building setbacks and addressing stormwater runoff issues. The Commission has no comment on the latest plans.

Rick's Food & Spirits – Rick met with the Historic District Commission regarding seasonal seating outside the restaurant, removing asphalt and installing pervious pavers. The Commission has no comment.

Signs/Trails/Forests:

Trails Committee – The Trails Committee has decided to use Google "My Maps" for trail mapping, and will start with the town-owned trails.

The NH Trailblazers snowmobile club has volunteered to help relocate the Blue Trail at Frye Town Forest.

The signs for the Manuel property have been installed. Greg Senko reported that the abutter has since parked a boat trailer on or over the property line.

Greg Senko read notes on the Sargent site walk with Nicholas Britton of Nature Conservancy. An antler trap was discovered on the property and has since been removed.

MS4:

Evy and Greg reported on their meeting regarding new MS4 requirements for stormwater runoff. The EPA has identified several towns on southern New Hampshire with impaired water bodies. Kingston is one of these towns and will have to comply with a new EPA mandate to reduce Total Phosphorous in Country Pond, Greenwood Pond and Half Moon Pond.

Evy read the self-assessment for the current MS4 requirements that Rich St. Hilaire had submitted for 2017. The self-assessment cited many activities that had been undertaken, initiated or supported by the Conservation Commission over the past several years.

Greg reported that NH DES and RPC are planning to submit a 604b grant request for a watershed study for Country Pond on behalf of Country Pond Lake Association, with the eventual goal of providing funding through additional 319 grants for BMP projects in the non-MS4 portions of Country Pond.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm