

Minutes
Kingston Conservation Commission
1/5/2023

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

Present: Evy Nathan, Marghi Bean, Linda Foss, Shaw Tilton, Elizabeth Mello, Greg Senko (by phone)

Excused Absence: Geof Harris

Guests: Jeff Sluder

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the 12/8/2022 meeting were reviewed. Shaw pointed out that the date for the January meeting was incorrect. MM&S to accept the minutes with this correction, all in favor.

Linda will contact Susan Ayer to inquire about the proper archival of digital files of the Conservation Commission's activities. The files in question include minutes, agendas, budget reports and comments to the Planning Board.

Treasurer's Report:

Shaw provided a budget summary:

Conservation Fund: \$28,542.39
(Working Balance \$10,266.39, Aquatic Invasives Reserve \$18,276.00)

Forest Fund: \$ 17,303.58

The amount of \$230.70 was carried over from the 2022 budget and was deposited in the Conservation Fund. The default Conservation budget for 2023 is \$9,760. If approved by voters, the 2023 budget will be \$10,760.

Correspondence:

- RCCD monitoring report on Kemp – Hilltop Farm.
- NH DES notification that Dredge & Fill Permit for Long Pond Dam restoration has been approved. Town Engineer Dennis Quintal suggested that the Conservation Commission be included in the Technical Review, and that the site should be monitored to ensure that adjoining wetlands are not disturbed.

Planning Board, DES, OEP, ZBA:

No plans to review at the time of the meeting.

Trails Committee:

- Valley Lane: Peter Coffin removed several fallen trees on the trails.
- Valley Lane Expansion: Duane Hyde of SELT sent an email confirming that the sale of Map R1 Lots 6 & 7 to the Town has been completed. Greg will contact him to request a .gpx file with coordinates of the boundaries to help with trail mapping in the spring.
- Acorn: Geof will remove the fallen trees on the Red trail. Two very large pines are down across the Orange trail. Geof contacted the Southern NH Trailblazers snowmobile club and they agreed to send a work crew to remove the trees on January 6.
- Sargent: A contact at Eversource agreed to the installation of a bridge/culvert in their power line easement, however they suggested that the town pay for the project. Evy suggested that the Conservation Commission apply for a grant to fund the project. The first step will be to determine the scope and cost of such a project. Greg will contact Phil Coombs and arrange a time to visit the site in the spring.

Pollinator Pathways:

- Heidi Holman of NH F&G has asked PPNH to host a series of training sessions for the NH butterfly survey project.
- Evy asked Meghan Petruzzi of Sanborn HS if the students might participate in a BioBlitz; but so far the response was negative.
- A presentation to the Atkinson Garden Club is scheduled for April.
- The New Durham Conservation Commission has requested information on starting a program.
- The PPNH Facebook page is highlighting followers' images this month.

Old Business/Bucket List:

- Warrant articles. Shaw has submitted the warrant articles to the Select Board. They will be reviewed by the Budget Committee on Saturday January 7.
- Review of Conserved Properties Book. The review is complete, but changes and additions must now be made.
- Granit update – possibly following completion of Conserved Properties Book.
- Blazes to be painted.
- Rowell Road/Currier WMA trail.
- Regarding survey of Fidler property: the Conservation Land Stewardship Program has sent the information on the Manuel boundary incursion to their legal counsel.
- Valley Lane downed boundary pipe. Evy will contact Chuck Geary to ask if he will search for the portion of pipe remaining in the ground in the spring.

- Trash and signage – cameras on Frye Road
- Historical marker at ET's Landing

New Business:

Elizabeth reported that Holly Ouelette was interested in conserving a wetland and potential turtle habitat on her property on Wadleigh Point Road. Evy will contact Holly to arrange to walk the property.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Next meeting Thursday, February 9, 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Foss, Secretary