Kingston Conservation Commission - Aug. 4, 2016

Call to Order- 7 pm Kingston Community Library

Attending: Evy Nathan, Andrea Kenter, Marghi Bean, Bob Smith, Ken Twombly Guest: Walt Roy

Guest:

George Chadwick from All American Assisted Living was unable to attend.

Jeff Sluder- treasurer- was absent. Our budget plan has been submitted to the town

Communications:

Matt Pierson needs a letter of support for an Eagle Scout project. His project will be to rebuild a HC Accessible Nature/Woods trail behind Bakie School. Evy has written a letter of support.

Timber Law Harvesting Conference, Bristol- is available but seems to be too far away. Sawmill and Forestry Field Day - Sept 23rd.- New London also a long distance

Capital Improvement Fund We seem to handle our expenses within the current budget.

Sign/Trails/Forests Report

There is 4-wheeler damage on the Cheney property off Acorn Drive. Signs have been installed.

Jeff not here for the Frye gate update.

Gypsy Moths are infesting The town Forest at Valley Lane. They will move into other areas and next spring will be a bad infestation. There really aren't any methods of treatment that are good. Chemicals work but have their own problems. Research needs to be done.

Evy did a Dorre Rd. site walk with Fred Borman. It was last cut in 2003. Work needs to be done here for regeneration of the hardwoods. Evy questioned Fred about the idea of managing the forest for wildlife management as well for the timber cut. Fred agreed that a combination of wildlife and timber management would be good.

Planning Board:

DES: Shoreline Impact Permit on Halfmoon Pond- no paperwork yet.

DES Torromeo amended restoration plan has been approved

Approval for a 1/2 acre timber cut on Lakeshore Park Rd.

Driveway, 14 Rockrimmon Rd, permit to pave an existing drive. (no comment)

DES has approved the application of All American Assisted Living for disturbing land for building purposes. No paperwork.

Cockerline, 44 Marshall Rd., -wetlands encroachment. DES has been notified.

ECSI Rt. 125 So. Kingston - There is a timeline for the clean up at this site. There is work that needs to be done to fulfill the compliance details.

61 North Rd. DES is asking for more information about the building of crossings for driveways for three lots. The crossing is not following the impact regulations.

Demers --5-lot subdivision- Rt. 111 - There will be shared driveways. The Kingston PB has granted a waiver to allow this. No comment from KCC

Old and Ongoing Business:

Greenwood - cyanobacteria- the town beach was posted and closed and the pond was closed for two weeks. The pond is clean now. Beach has reopened

Trail passport system is almost finished. Walt Roy has made stakes and rub plates. Evy will complete the system.

The garden at the Rec Center is finished.

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Thank you letters have been sent to Sharon Farrington and her group for the help with Rec. Garden project

Evy has been asked to be on a storm water committee by the town.

Evy passed out copies of " A River Runs through It" about Diane Eadie who was Conservation chairman for years in Kingston.

Hiking signs needed for the Passport trail. Looking at the samples from the sign company, it was agreed to use the metal signs so they will last.

Bucket List:

New Trail map for Valley Lane Handicapped Trail Greenwood Pond Water testing

Other:

There is a huge book of listings of town properties. It was agreed that they need to be looked at. Taking a few each month would get the job done. We will start to do this. Bob, Evy and Ken each took a property.

SELT/FOKOS update (Walt Roy)

The final bridge needed on an Epping SELT property is being completed.

Next meeting - Sept. 8th, 7:00