

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

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

Present: Evy Nathan, Linda Foss, Shaw Tilton, Geof Harris

Excused Absence: Marghi Bean, Greg Senko, Bob Smith, Elizabeth Mello, Melissa Butler, Donald Briggs (Select Board ex officio)

Guests: Muriel Ingalls (President, Kingston Lake Association), Jeff Sluder, Walt Roy

**Secretary's Report:**

Minutes from the 2/3/2022 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor. It was confirmed that the December meeting minutes were accepted at the February meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Shaw presented the current bank account balances:

Conservation Fund: \$28,911.38  
(Working Balance \$9,11.18, Aquatic Invasives Reserve \$19,000.00)

Forest Fund: \$ 5,236.83

- The annual Zoom subscription is due for renewal in April.

**Kingston Lake Association:**

Muriel Ingalls, President of Kingston Lake Association (KLA), presented several matters of concern that she has brought up to the Select Board.

- Boat ramp portable toilet. KLA is requesting that the toilet be serviced on a regular basis to reduce unpleasant smells encourage people to use it.
- Boat ramp garbage cans. KLA also requests that the garbage cans be emptied regularly to prevent overflow and unpleasant smells. KLA has installed a dog waste receptacle at their own cost which they empty on a weekly basis.
- Aquifer Protection District/Watershed road signs. Mrs. Ingalls expressed concern that the number of requests for business being approved in Kingston is not healthy for the watershed. KLA has proposed installing Aquifer Protection District or Watershed signs at strategic locations in town to raise public awareness of this valuable natural resource. They are requesting that the Conservation Commission work with them on this project. It was

generally agreed upon, and the Commission will make suggestions on placement and type of signage.

- Mrs. Ingalls reported that Kingston Lake Association has a new website (kingstonlakesnh.org).

### **Correspondence:**

- Saving Special Places registration was forwarded to CC members.
- Kemp Farm (73 Exeter Road) agricultural easement monitoring report, aerial only. There have been no changes within this easement.
- Evy shared the proposed SELT flyer advertising National Trails Day hike at Valley Lane.

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

#### *Aloha Overhead Doors and Self-Storage 9 Main St.:*

No comment – no wetlands or other sensitive issues involved.

#### *Page Road condos Map R22 Lot 33:*

No comment – no wetlands or other sensitive issues involved.

#### *Hawk's Ridge - Bent Grass Circle:*

No comment – lot line adjustment.

### **Trails Subcommittee:**

- Valley Lane: Geof Harris has volunteered to lead the hike on National Trails Day. Greg and/or Ernie will attend to answer questions about forest history and trail maintenance. Evy has also scheduled a birder and geologist to host interest-specific hikes, as well. It was recommended that we notify Valley Lane residents about the hikes as a courtesy. Evy suggested that we check with SELT about whether we should provide water and possibly snacks, and look into getting a portable toilet for that day.
- Sargent: Evy will try reaching out to the Eversource easement contact regarding the low spot in the road under the power lines.
- Acorn: Ron Klemarczyk reported that progress had been slow due to equipment issues, but the harvest was still scheduled for completion by the end of March. Bob Lee was able to resume work removing logs. Ron recommended that the log yard/parking area remain closed to vehicles until the end of mud season. A log will be placed in front of the entrance when the logging operation is complete.

### **Pollinator Pathways Subcommittee:**

- The February/March newsletter has been sent out.

- The Butterfly Monitoring Zoom presentation with Heidi Holman of NH F&G is on April 8 at 5:30 pm.
- Kevin Talbot will lead a spring ephemeral walk in Epping on April 23 at 10am, rain date April 24.
- The Library is working with PPNH to coordinate a native plant book display.

#### **New Business:**

- By-laws. Linda distributed the first draft of the new by-laws for discussion. The suggested changes will be incorporated into the document and an updated draft will be presented at next month's meeting for further discussion.
- Upcoming Election of Officers. Evy informed the Commission that election of officers would take place at next month's meeting, and that her own appointment was up for review at the end of the month. Evy requested that members indicate if they are interested in acting as officers.

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

- Granit database update to be completed in 2022.
- Car top boat launch. Work to be scheduled for this spring/summer.
- Invasives at Sargent should be treated in 2022.
- Signs at Manuel
- Trail intersection signage
- Beaver pipes at Rte. 107 Town Forest

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Next meeting Thursday, April 7, 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Foss, Secretary*