Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission Approved.

Minutes of Meeting January 10, 2022 - via Zoom

The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:03PM

Members Present: Vicki Brown, Gordon Powers, Julie Ostopchuk, Dennis Quintal

Member absent: Peter Gilligan.

The Minutes from December 13, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

## **Correspondence:**

1. NH PDIP Information Statement dated December 23, 2021.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. According to Grace Ruelle: 1. ESRLAC Invoice for 2022 Annual Dues \$200.00 is being paid this week from the 2021 budget. And 2) The EKCC Budget balance from 2021 -- budget balance of \$6,208 are being transferred to the Conservation Fund this week.
- 2. The new File Cabinet for storage of our EKCC files has arrived.
- 3. Bank Restoration: Draft Request for Proposal. Julie and Dennis are working on this but the RFP is not yet ready to send out for bid.
- 4. Barry 4H (Lincoln) Summer Camp Sponsorship Likely due to COVID concerns, EKCC has not yet received any nominations for summer campers -- despite our usual promotion in town with flyers and on Facebook, via the schools EKES and CMS, in EK Edition newsletter and in Carriage Towne News. The deadline to apply is Monday, Jan. 17th.
- 5. The NRI Presentation to the Planning Board The presentation has been deferred to their February Meeting 2-17-22. We reviewed a draft powerpoint and drafted the desired Next Steps together. We'll review the presentation again at the February EKCC meeting.
- 6. EKCC members and terms When Peter Gilligan's term expires in March 2022, we'll have 4 members if Gordon Powers & Julie Ostopchuk renew their terms. Dennis said the Conservation Commission can have 5-7 members, plus alternates and welcomes additional members. Julie offered to draft a survey for town residents to ascertain their interests and thereby promote serving on the EKCC; the survey and how to obtain respondents will be a topic for February discussion.
- 7. Composting in East Kingston Town resident Shelby Stabile will meet with the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee at their quarterly meeting on Weds, Jan. 19 at 4pm at the Pound School.
- 8. EK Edition topic Julie agreed to draft an article about pesticide use for our review and submission on 1-17-22 for the Feb. 1st newsletter

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Land behind the Town Hall. East Kingston has a benefactor who passed away who has donated money to the town. The group managing the funds is considering the purchase of 4 acres of land behind the salt shed, for future town use. We reviewed the location and determined it is in a significant wildlife habitat area. We discussed the need for the town to have some additional land beyond the Town Hall and the field. We agreed to discuss it further in the next meeting.
- 2. Ewald Subdivision. The Ewalds, who own 27 acres at corner of 108 and 107 across from Jalisco's, have an application in front of the EK Planning Board to subdivide into two properties, separating the house & garage on 2 acres from the remaining 25 acres, which has frontage on Route 108 south of Rare Drive and has frontage along 107. The conservation commission has no objection or input to the EKPB at this time.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is Scheduled for February 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted;

Time Adjourned: 6:33 PM

Dennis G. Quintal