

Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting June 13, 2022

Approved.
7-11-22
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The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:00pm.

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

Minutes from May 9, 2022 were reviewed and approved with no changes.

Correspondence:

1. Citizens Bank end of April Balance for Conservation Fund \$36,396.20. Monthly Interest was \$0.30.
2. NHPDIP Statement for the end of April Balance of \$2,087.25. Interest received \$0.60.
3. NHPDIP Statement for the end of May Balance of \$2,088.47. Interest received \$1.22.
4. Citizens Bank end of May Balance for Conservation Fund \$36,396.51. Monthly Interest was \$0.31.
5. Email from Chris Rider regarding his possible interest in a Conservation Easement on his property (80 Acres in East Kingston). Dennis will follow-up with Chris.
6. Notice received for informal walk at the Three Maples Farm at 44 Tucker Road, Kingston on June 13, 2022 5:30 to 6:30 PM, for Invasive Plant ID and Management
7. Email from Shawn Moses about algae on the Powwow. Dennis will follow-up with Shawn.
8. Email from NHACC "Taking Action for Wildlife". This is for an in-depth training program about engaging communities in nature, online from September to October 2022.
9. Email 6-4-22 from Jackie Benson, Kensington Cemetery Trustee, extending an invitation to a workshop for cemetery old stone resetting and proper cleaning process. This will be June 26, 2022 in Kensington 4-6 PM.
10. East Kingston Zoning Board is seeking new members and alternates to serve on its board.
11. Email from Russell Chute of Powwow Pond Council on May 9, 2022 stating that the NHDES Survey found a small amount of Milfoil in Powwow Pond. He said divers will survey for milfoil growth on or around 5/23 and keep us informed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Carter Property on 68 South Road. No news
2. Bank Restoration. Draft Request for Proposal was submitted to the Select Board and they said it is okay to send it out for bid. Grace has met with the accounting agent and said the easiest way is to have all monies deposited into the Conservation Fund but the office will have a line item of the deposits specific for "Funding Projects". That would be the easiest way to track collected monies.
3. Bank Restoration Fundraising – Julie shared a sample brick. We agreed to move forward with this fundraiser at the vendor's recommended \$75/brick. Julie will draft signage for the area.
4. Pollinator Pathways NH. 1) A seed library is now available to all for free at the Kingston Community Library. 2) They shared two success stories with kids and pollinators at Sanborn High School and Kensington Elementary School. 3) Greg Jordan led an Invasive Plant ID and Management program on Monday June 13 at 5:30pm in Kingston. 4) A rewilded garden program in Hampstead is scheduled for Weds, July 6. See the Pollinator Pathways NH Facebook page for more info.
5. Protect It or Lose It campaign. Our "Protect Your Land: Preserve Your Legacy" program on 6-9-22 at the library attracted 12 attendees – 8 from East Kingston and 4 from Kensington. The program and panelists received high marks from the 7 who completed our feedback survey. The overall program earned a 4.6 rating (5=excellent).
6. Land Protection Brochure. We will provide copies to the library when the conservation display is established there.
7. EK Edition topic. For the July 1 issue, Vicki will draft an article for review about the Protect Your Land program & conservation resources. For the August 1 issue, Julie will draft an article about the bricks fundraiser for bank restoration.
8. Landowner Letter Results. To date, one EK individual expressed interest via email and 12 attended the 6/9/22 program.
9. Conservation Priorities List. Gordon shared a master list of >10 acre parcels in East Kingston and the four prioritization factors – overall acreage, proximity to other open or conserved land, proximity to a wildlife corridor, and proximity to prioritized wildlife habitat. We agreed to review and provide feedback to Gordon by next meeting.

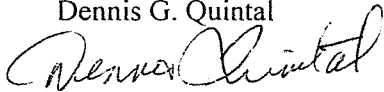
NEW BUSINESS:

1. Planning Board and NRI. At an upcoming EK Planning Board meeting, Dennis will offer East Kingston Conservation Commission support on the town's Master Growth Plan.
2. Reimbursements discussion.
3. Invasives removal. Per our Forest Management Plan, Gordon suggested we meet to remove invasive plants on town properties. We agreed to meet at 7:30am on Thursday June 23 at the Railroad Lot.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is Scheduled for July 11, 2022 at 5:00PM

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis G. Quintal



Time Adjourned: 6:47pm