

Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting June 14, 2021 - In person with call in via Zoom

The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:05 PM

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

Member absent: Peter Gilligan. Resident attending in person was Karen Cumings.

Also, attending by Phone Zoom were Town Residents: Matthew Freeman, Will Foustoukos and Paul Cuneo

The Minutes from May 10, 2021 were reviewed and approved with few minor changes.

Approved.
7-12-21
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Correspondence:

1. NHPDIP Statement for the end of April Balance of \$2,086.01. Interest received \$0.03.
2. NHPDIP Statement for the end of May Balance of \$2,086.05. Interest received \$0.04.
3. Citizens Bank end of April Balance for Conservation Fund \$33,024.65. Monthly Interest was \$0.22.
4. Spring Issue of the Granite State Tree Farmer News.
5. May-June Issue of the NHDES Environmental News.
6. DES letter from Eben Lewis – His review of the D&F Application for the Bank Restoration and Request for More Information.
7. 2020 The State of New Hampshire's "Birds" A Conservation Guide from the NH Audubon
8. EKCC Budget Notice – Powwow Pond Milfoil of \$6000.00, \$306.3 spent. For Con Com of \$1,000 - \$0 spent.
9. Invasive milfoil report – Russell Chute of the Powwow Pond Council forwarded a report from NH DES' Amy Smagula, which stated that NO active milfoil was found in Powwow Pond! This is the best NHDES milfoil survey result since our milfoil fight began over 10 years ago. However, we need to keep looking. If milfoil reappears and we spot it early, divers can eliminate it.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. EAB treatment for Ash Tree at cemetery by Seacoast Tree to be done soon. Vicki stated that she believes ash trees need to be treated ASAP as leaf out is nearly over (if not already complete) and the efficacy of trunk injections will decrease. Dennis will contact Seacoast and ask them to do the treatment.
2. EK Natural Resources Inventory. Julie agreed to draft the soil sections; Vicki is working with town resident Will Foustoukos on the wildlife section; and Gordon is drafting the agriculture/farm section; and town resident Matthew Freeman is drafting the conservation areas section. We agreed to meet on Monday, June 28 at 5pm to review the NH Coastal Viewer against conservation easement documents in the town office.
3. EK Town Forests. We agreed to postpone further invasives clearing and boundary marking work in the three town forests until late fall or winter, to take advantage of better visibility and fewer biting insects. The Forest Management Plan recommended this work be done in 2021-2022, so we have time to complete it.
4. Pollinator Pathways NH. As of 6-14, 27 people have registered for Vicki's Tuesday, June 22, 2021 program, "Pollinators 101," offered during National Pollinator Week and hosted by EKCC, the East Kingston Public Library (EKPL) and Pollinator Pathways NH. Residents can register via EKPL at ekpublib@comcast.net.
5. Japanese Knotweed. Vicki has downloaded and will test the UNH Extension-recommended App, Outsmart Invasives, part of the EDDMapS (Early Detection & Distribution Mapping Systems) to mark EK locations with this invasive, for inclusion in the NRI.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Girl Scouts proposed signs. Karen Cumings, Girl Scout leader, presented posters created by her group of Girl Scouts. The topic was based on their recent action conducting litter pickup on Town Railroad Property. The posters may be presented around Town and other "Do Not Litter" notices may be displayed in other areas of the Town. This is a good topic and learning experience for the girls.
2. EKCC article in next issue of Town Newsletter. We discussed and approved Gordon's article on his paddle in Powwow Pond for East Kingston Edition. He will submit it by June 17th for the July 1 issue.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is Scheduled for

July 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted;

Time Adjourned: 6:25 PM


Dennis G. Quintal