

Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting November 8, 2021 - In person with call in via Zoom


The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:01 PM

Members Present: Vicki Brown, Gordon Powers, Dennis Quintal in person; Julie Ostopchuk by Zoom

Member absent: Peter Gilligan.

Public attending: Matt Freeman via Zoom

The Minutes from October 18, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

Approved.
12-13-22


Correspondence:

1. NHPDIP Annual Report and Financial Statements dated June 30, 2021 received on 11-5-21..
2. Request for Reimbursement from Vicki Brown for Registration Fee to NHACC Annual Meeting.; Dennis submitted it to Grace for payment from CC Budget.
3. Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) Newsletter October 2021.
4. NHACC Annual Membership Dues – Receipt that the Invoice was paid.
5. Notice of the town's Department Heads meeting rescheduled for November 4th at 5:30 PM.

Due to technical difficulties, the Zoom option had to be discontinued..

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Emerald Ash Borer Fund Update – Update drafted by Vicki was approved by EKCC members for distribution.
2. Bank Restoration Draft Request for Proposal – Our plan has been to get vendor bids on this project and once we know the cost, ask voters to approve the funding via town warrant in March 2022. Dennis said that all warrants are due to the town on Jan. 11th, with deliberations in February. We discussed the tight timeframe to finish the draft RFP, get Select Board and town attorney approval, secure bids, etc. Best case scenario is that vendors will have 2-3 weeks in December and over the holidays to bid. Dennis said the vendors who we'd want to do the work and would give us a fair bid are unlikely to be able to do so in such a short timeframe. Given the tight timeframes and our work on the NRI, Dennis asked if may be prudent to delay the warrant until 2022. Vicki agreed; Julie disagreed. Dennis said he'd continue to work on the draft RFP, aiming to get bids in a timely manner. Another option is to add the actual cost in to the drafted warrant article at a date later than Jan. 11th.
3. Pollinator Pathways NH – The 3rd annual Seed Swap, being held in person, is Saturday Nov. 13 from 9am-1pm at the Kingston Rec.
4. EK Natural Resources Inventory - We discussed and agreed on the recommendations in the Conserved Land section. We thank town resident Matthew Freeman for his work on this section. EKCC members agreed to finalize all sections, content and maps and create a single document for EKCC internal review on Saturday Nov. 13. We'll give the approved NRI document to the EK Planning Board on Monday November 15. EKPB will use the document to inform its revised Master Plan.
5. Litter Pickup was done on Haverhill Road Friday November 5th.

NEW BUSINESS:

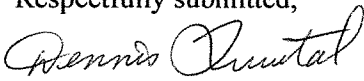
- Next year's EKCC Budget. We discussed the 2022 budget and agreed to keep it flat at \$\$6000 for milfoil treatment in the Powwow Pond and \$1000 for other operating expenses, including dues, subscriptions and a new filing cabinet.
- EK Edition Newsletter – we agreed to share the Emerald Ash Borer Fund Update as our Dec. 1st article. Vicki will send it in.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is Scheduled for

December 13, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted;

Time Adjourned: 6:31 PM


Dennis G. Quintal