


# Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting December 13, 2021 - via Zoom

Approved.  
1-10-22  


The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:00 PM

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

Member absent: Peter Gilligan.

Public attending: Matt Allen

The Minutes from November 8, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

## Correspondence:

1. NHPDIP Statement for the end of October Balance of \$2,086.25. Interest received \$0.04.
2. NHPDIP Statement for the end of November Balance of \$2,086.29. Interest received \$0.04.
3. Memo from Town Admin reminder to prepare the EKCC annual report for the Town Report.
4. Receipt for NHACC Annual Mtg Registration \$35 paid.
5. Citizens Bank end of November Balance for Conservation Fund \$31,785.76. Monthly Interest was \$0.26.
6. Newsletter from NHDES Groundwater Bureau "Supply Lines with the Source" Fall 2021.
7. Newsletter from NHDES "Environmental News" Nov-Dec 2021.
8. ESRLAC 2021 Annual Report.
9. ESRLAC Invoice for 2022 Annual Dues \$200.00. A motion was made and approved to pay for this out of the budget.
10. Flyer and notice about virtual "On the Path to Resilience: Preparing for a Changing Climate" workshop on Jan. 20 at 9am by the NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup's Path to Resilience project. Vicki & Gordon will attend.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Dennis met with the Select Board and proposed the same EKCC Budget for next year.
2. NRI. EK Planning Board was presented with our Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) report on Nov. 15. Dennis recommended we wait to share the NRI until after comments from EKP. Vicki would like to present our recommendations and answer questions at the next EKP meeting (12-16 at 7pm). Dennis will confirm if the NRI is an agenda topic on 12-16.
3. Composting. Resident Shelby Stabile met with the Select Board on Nov. 29 to discuss Town-Wide Composting. Shelby was appointed chair of the composting committee and asked to work with the Solid Waste/Recycling committee. She will present at their next meeting in January 2022.
4. Properties worth conserving (from NRI). We discussed possible next steps to the NRI recommendations, including a personal visit to property owners' residences by EKCC members. Dennis suggested and we agreed to develop a conservation easements flyer, which can be mailed to all Open Space and wildlife habitat/corridor property owners to start an awareness campaign. Dennis will share Larry Smith's old flyer; Julie and Vicki will revise/update it.
5. Wildlife crossings (from NRI). East Kingston has 17 road crossings that have reduced (14) or no passage (3), thus restricting water flow and the movement of wildlife. Vicki volunteered to present on this topic at an upcoming Select Board meeting, with the agreed goal to work with our road agent and the DOT to jointly earmark those road crossings and build animal-friendly culverts when future road or bridge work is done.
6. Dennis has ordered a new File Cabinet for storage of our EKCC files. Should be in next week. \$390.75.
7. Bank Restoration Project. Dennis is drafting a Request for Proposal (RFP). Julie volunteered to assist in writing it.
8. Budget Balance. EKCC has a 2021 budget balance of \$124 and \$5,673 in the milfoil removal budget. Per RSA Section 36-A:5, Dennis will ask Grace to move these leftover, unexpended monies to the Conservation Fund.

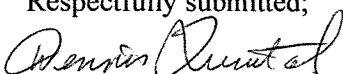
## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Barry 4H Conservation Camp – EKCC will again sponsor up to 3 East Kingston kids to attend Barry Camp in summer 2022. We will publicize this via town flyers, articles in EK Edition and Carriage Towne News, and school principals. We will meet via zoom on Weds, Jan. 19 at 5pm to review the applicants before the Jan. 24 submission deadline.
2. Town annual report – We reviewed and approved the EKCC content for the town's 2021 Annual Report.
3. EK Edition article – Julie will submit the article on EKCC's sponsorship of Barry Campers in summer 2022.

**Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is Scheduled for January 10, 2022 at 5:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted;

Time Adjourned: 6:15 PM

  
Dennis G. Quintal