

Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting December 14, 2020 via Zoom

Approved,
1-11-21

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

Members Present: Vicki Brown and Dennis Quintal. Also attending were pending new members Gordon Powers of 26 North Road and Julie Ostopchuk of 19 Rowell Road.

Member absent: Karen Quintal, Marilyn Bott & Peter Gilligan.

The Minutes from November 9, 2020 were reviewed and approved.

Bank Restoration Project:

Wayne Morrill from Jones & Beach attended and presented the Application & plans for Bank Restoration along the Powwow River. The bank is designed to be stabilized with wood pilings and terraced with wood stumps and roots. Native plantings will be added to root and establish long-term stabilization. There will be a stairway to the waters edge. It is proposed to be granite slabs. There was some discussion as to whether they should be wooden. For long-term stability it was agreed to keep as proposed. We discussed accessibility and agreed to add a hand rail to the steps. Wayne will make final edits to the plans and Application then return at the next meeting. He left the meeting at 5:56 PM.

Correspondence:

1. Copy of Letter to NHDES from Jamie Cook responding to their request for additional information for his Application for Dredge & Fill.
2. Email received from NHACC thanking us for Renewal Membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tilton Land extension & Subdivision is still being reviewed by the Planning Board. At the last meeting there was much discussion about the proposed road access onto Route 107. Their Traffic Engineer reported that it would be a safe intersection according to Statistics. However, since statistics do not take into account the steep slope on this curve, the Planning Board does not seem to agree about the safety. The meeting was continued to next month and is on their Agenda for Thursday December 17, 2020.
2. Pollinator Pathways NH -- Vicki gave an update. South Hampton is the 15th Town to join.
3. Gordon gave a report on the meeting he attended on Invasive Plants and how to dispose of them.
4. Vicki, Julie, Gordon and Dennis walked portions of the Parsonage Lot and Welch Lot on December 4th to look for Invasive Species that were mentioned in the Forest Management Plan from Charlie Moreno. There was little sign of Invasive plants at this time of year. We were able to identify and flag some of the property lines. More site work will be planned for spring 2021.

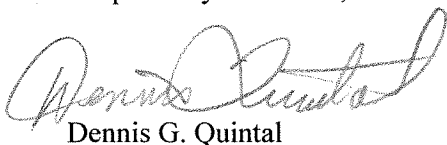
NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wildlife Habitat & Corridors in East Kingston Info Session is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7pm. We have requested a meeting with Julie Labranche of the Rockingham Planning Commission to overlay tax map GIS data on the Connect the Coast maps and understand the process and opportunities to incorporate wildlife corridors into future town plans and zoning regulations.
2. Town of East Kingston Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). This inventory is important for future planning for the Town. Any information the Town or the Planning Commission has will provide information for a current document. We agreed to share NRI documents on our web page at <http://www.eknh.org/conservation-commission>.

**Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is Scheduled for
January 11, 2021 at 5:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted;

Time Adjourned: 6:36 PM



Dennis G. Quintal