


Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting August 9, 2021 - In person with call in via Zoom

Approved
10-18-21


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

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

Member absent: Peter Gilligan, Julie Ostopchuk.

The Minutes from July 12, 2021 were reviewed and approved with few minor changes.

Also attending was Jeremy Lougee, Project Manager for the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire (SELT). He was representing the Carter Family who own land on South Road at the corner of Fish Road. The Family is interested in the possibility of putting their land into a Conservation Easement. They are looking to the Conservation Commission for support. They have conducted a perimeter survey and prepared a conceptual Yield Plan Subdivision that shows the layout for 12 new single-family lots that would require about 2300 linear feet of road to be constructed. They are looking into obtaining Grants from SELT, NRCS ALE and the Federal Farm & Ranchland Program. However, this property may not rank high on the list for funding. We explained that the EKCC will support the Conservation Easement as it is the best option for the Town in preserving natural features and wildlife corridors. However, the Commission has limited funds to assist. For a significant amount of money, it would need to go to the Voters of the Town by way of a warrant article at Town meeting. Their next step would be to conduct an appraisal of the property compared to the Yield Plan Subdivision. Mr. Lougee said the cost could be \$4,000-5,000. The EKCC voted to assist by paying 50% of the cost from our Conservation Fund provided it would be reimbursed when/if the closing for the Easement was finalized. He thanked the EKCC for their time and he said would report back to the Carter Family. He left the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Correspondence:

1. NHPDIP Statement for the end of July Balance of \$2,086.13. Interest received \$0.04.
2. Citizens Bank end of July Balance for Conservation Fund \$32,188.23. Monthly Interest was \$0.27.
3. RCCD Easement Monitoring Report. Nupp Easement, Current Owner Amy MacDonald, 35 North Road. No changes.
4. RCCD Easement Monitoring Report. O'Shea Easement, Current Owner Crazy Creek Realty Trust, 17 Stumpfield Road. No changes.
5. RCCD Easement Monitoring Report. Daniel T. Bodwell Easement, Current Owner Daniel T. Bodwell Revocable Trust, 79 North Road. No changes.
6. RCCD Easement Monitoring Report. Richard A. Smith Easement, Current Owner R.E. Smith Trust (Jan & Ron Smith), 129 Sanborn Road. No changes.
7. Invoice from Seacoast Tree Care, LLC \$361.00 to treat the Ash Tree at the Cemetery on South Road. Treatment conducted July 23, 2021.
8. Email from Jeremy Lougee, Conservation Project Manager at Southeast Land Trust of NH (SELT). The Carter Family is considering a Conservation Easement on their property on South Road (corner of Fish Road).
9. NHACC – Notice for the 50th Anniversary Celebration to be held September 11th at Bear Brook State Park Shelter Pavilion.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. EAB treatment for Ash Tree at cemetery by Seacoast Tree. Treatment done 7-23-21. Invoice received and delivered to the Selectmen's Office for payment.
2. Received the Response Package from Jones & Beach for the Bank Restoration Application to the Wetlands Bureau. Dennis Quintal sent a request for extension to Eben Lewis at DES. The package was reviewed. Dennis will get signature from the Selectmen, make 5 copies, deliver to the Town Clerk for signature, distribute 4 copies to departments and then send the original to the State DES Wetlands Bureau.

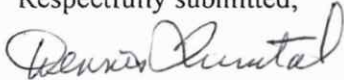
3. Pollinator Pathways NH – Vicki provided a Brochure advertising a Zoom Program to be conducted August 26th at 5:30 PM. Vicki and Judith Saum, both Natural Resources Stewards, will be presenters.
4. EK Natural Resources Inventory. Members of the EKCC are each still working on sections of the Inventory. We reviewed the progress of each.
5. Litter Pick Up on Haverhill Road was agreed to meet on August 26th at 7:30 AM.
6. NH BioBlitz – Vicki is organizing a BioBlitz in East Kingston to be possibly held on September 8 at 5PM and Saturday September 18th at 9 AM. Flyers and advertising will follow for the specifics.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. An EKCC article about the NH BioBlitz program is being sent in for the next issue of Town Newsletter.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is Scheduled for
September 13, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted;



Dennis G. Quintal

Time Adjourned: 6:44 PM