

Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting October 18, 2021 - In person with call in via Zoom

APPROVED.
11-8-21
[Signature]

The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:10 PM

Members Present: Vicki Brown, Dennis Quintal in person and Julie Ostopchuk by Zoom

Member absent: Peter Gilligan, Gordon Powers.

The Minutes from August 9 and September 13, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

Correspondence:

1. September 14, 2021 EKCC Budget: Expense 306.30 Balance \$5,693.70.
2. Invoice for the NHACC Membership Dues \$250.00. We moved to pay for this membership from the Conservation budget (Dues line item).
3. NHPDIP Statement for the end of September Balance of \$2,086.21. Interest received \$0.04.
4. Monitoring Report from RCCD for the Dan Bodwell Conservation Easement, 79 North Road. No areas of concern or changes noted.
5. News from NH Timberland Owners Association: Upcoming Events and Workshops.
6. NHDES Environmental News Sept.-Oct. 2021
7. Letter from the Department of the Army US Corps of Engineers – Notice that a permit is not required from them for the Powwow Bank Restoration Project.
8. 9-21-21 Email from resident Shelby Stable about composting in East Kingston.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bank Restoration: Dennis is drafting the Request for Proposal. We want to ensure that this is a March 2022 warrant article, so we're on a tight timeline to secure Select Board approval, send to vendors/publicize by mid-November, and get proposals by December 20 or so.
2. East Kingston Town Forest BioBlitz. A dozen East Kingston residents participated in the town BioBlitz events on Sept. 8 and 18. Together, they helped identify and document nearly 100 plant, mushroom, and animal species on East Kingston town land using iNaturalist.
3. Pollinator Pathways NH. "Putting your Garden to Bed" is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 22 at 6pm. Contact Pollinator Pathways NH for a zoom link.
4. EK Natural Resources Inventory. Our goal is to send the completed NRI to the Planning Board for its November meeting. Outstanding items for completion: the watershed map for the Waters section (Dennis); the soils section (Julie); edits to wildlife section (Vicki); and the Forested Lands section with a visual map of priority conservation areas (Matt/Gordon).
5. Our next Litter Pickup is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 5.

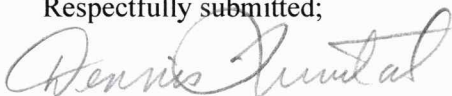
NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resident Shelby Stable asked if there is any possibility of East Kingston starting a composting program -- either a program where we might take it voluntarily to one of the transportation depots with the option to get some compost if we are contributing, or a program similar to <https://mrfoxcomposting.com/>, which does weekly or biweekly residential pickup. While the EKCC supports the concept, the town's Select Board is responsible for town services including recycling and waste management. Shelby agreed to take her request to the Select Board.
2. For the next edition of EK Town Newsletter, we'll write articles about the treatment of our town's high-value ash tree in the South Road cemetery, and the success of the East Kingston Town Forest BioBlitz effort on Sept. 8 and 18.

**Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is Scheduled for
November 8, 2021 at 5:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted;

Time Adjourned: 6:29 PM


Dennis G. Quintal