

Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

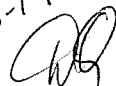
Minutes of Meeting February 14, 2022 - via Zoom

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

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

Member absent: Peter Gilligan.

The Minutes from January 10, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

APPROVED.
3-14-22


Correspondence:

1. NHPDIP Statement for the end of December 2021 Balance of \$2,086.33. Interest received \$0.04.
2. NHPDIP Statement for the end of January Balance of \$2,086.37. Interest received \$0.04.
3. Copy of Letter from Rockingham County Conservation District to the State Governor. It is strongly recommending that he veto HB307 regarding control of firearms on municipal properties. That includes Conservation Easement properties. This control should be left up to the specific municipal or property owner.
4. Granite State Tree Farmer – Winter 2022 Issue.
5. Citizens Bank end of December Balance for Conservation Fund \$31,786.29. Monthly Interest was \$0.27.
6. Annual Reports on 10 Conservation Easements in Town. All had “no areas of concern”, no changes observed.
7. The 2021 Year End Report on Conservation Funds was prepared and sent to the Town Admin. for Auditors.
8. Citizens Bank end of January Balance for Conservation Fund \$37,995.29. Monthly Interest was \$0.30. Rollover from the 2021 budget was a deposit of \$6,208.70.
9. Winter 2022 Issue of Great Bay Matters.
10. Email on 2-4-22 from Annemarie Buchanan for advice on tree removal near wetland. Dennis advised her.
11. Email on 2-10-22 from new residents Kurt & Lori Krinke re: current use. Vicki sent Current Use pages from NHLTC’s “Conserving your Land” booklet.

OLD BUSINESS:

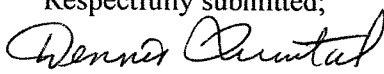
1. ESRLAC Invoice for 2022 Annual Dues \$200.00 was paid 12-31-21.
2. Dennis & Julie set up the new File Cabinet in the CC office and did some files reorganization.
3. Barry 4H Summer Camp: We have one student interested in going. He is Tavian Renzi from 2 Forest Drive. Notice has been sent to the Camp Administrator, Amanda Royce.
4. Bank Restoration: Draft Request for Proposal is in process. Plan is to solicit bids this spring.
5. NRI Presentation to the Planning Board 2-17-22: EKCC members reviewed & approved a draft presentation.
6. Ewald Subdivision (NE corner) was conditionally approved at the last Planning Board Meeting.
7. Land behind the Town Hall: Survey is in progress for lot adjustment.
8. Composting in East Kingston: Town resident Shelby Stabile has met with the both the Select Board (11/29/21) and the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee (1/19/22). After many follow-up discussions with the Select Board and continued work with all parties, we are delaying the implementation of town composting and asking for individual homeowners who’d like to work with Mr. Fox. Julie suggested that a local farm may be interested in serving as a central location for town compost; she will discuss with Shelby.
9. EK Edition topic: Julie will write a second soil / pesticides article, under her own byline.
10. New EKCC members: Julie suggested we encourage residents to answer a survey about conservation interests at the EKCC table on Voting Day March 8th to ascertain conservation interests and recruit new members.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Spring 2022 event: We agreed not to do a wetland buffers event this year; instead we’d like to host a program that’s NRI or conservation easement-related. Dennis will invite Julie LaBranche to join us at the 3/14 meeting.
2. Fundraising for Powwow Bank Restoration. Julie created some posters about the Powwow Bank restoration for display at the town Deliberative Session on 2/5/22. We received our first donation of \$10.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is Scheduled for March 14, 2022 at 5:00PM

Respectfully submitted;


Dennis G. Quintal

Time Adjourned: 6:07PM