

Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting December 10, 2019

The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:02 PM

Members Present: Karen Quintal, Vicki Brown, Peter Gilligan and Dennis Quintal.

Member absent: Marilyn Bott

The Minutes from November 11, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

APPROVED
1-13-20
[Signature]

Correspondence:

1. NHPDIP Statement for the end of October Balance of \$2,067.25. Interest received \$3.31.
2. Monitoring Report from RCCD for the Smith Conservation Easement, Sanborn Road. No Changes.
3. Monitoring Report from RCCD for the Harold Bodwell Conservation Easement, Stumpfield Road. No Changes.
4. Monitoring Report from RCCD for the O'Shea Conservation Easement, Stumpfield Road. No Changes.
5. November-December 2019 issue of the Environmental News from NHDES.
6. Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee (ESRLAC) copy of their 2019 Annual Report and an Invoice for 2020 Annual Dues. Members voted to pay this from the Budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bank Restoration Project update. Chris Albert, Engineer from Jones & Beach attended the meeting. He presented Draft Plans for the Bank Restoration of the Powwow River near the Railroad right of way. A topographic survey of the area was conducted. The proposed design showed logs placed at different levels with various wetland plants and shrubs planted on each terrace. Once the plant root system was established, that would provide a long term stabilize the bank. There would be a narrow section that would act as steps for people to enter & exit the water. We asked that he proceed with final drawings and Application to the Wetlands Bureau so we can conduct a final review and provide to the Board of Selectmen for their final review also. We thanked Chris for his work to this point and he left the meeting.
2. Forest Management Plan Update. Dennis did finally get an email response from Charlie Moreno. He wrote that he will be working on the plan shortly.
3. Forest Drive –Foot bridge construction over wetlands. Dennis received an email from Sara Renzi at 2 Forest Drive questioning about the wetland disturbance. Selectmen, Justin Lyons, has addressed this issue with the property owner. Also, Neil Bilodeau at the NHDES Wetlands Bureau has done a site inspection and has advised the owner to submit an application to obtain a permit for the work that was done. We reviewed the emails that had been copied to us from the BOS between one of the abutters and the State Wetlands Bureau. The property owner, Jamie Cook has submitted a Wetlands Permit Application to NHDES in order to obtain a legal Permit (after the fact) for construction of the wetland crossing. The Application was received and is in the process of review by the State. The EKCC members have no objection to the Application.
4. Vicki shared an update about Pollinator Pathways. Their next program is scheduled for January 15th at 7 PM in the Kingston Library.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. EKCC reviewed the Draft Annual Conservation Commission Report for the Town Report. A few edits were to be made before submitting to the BOS.
2. Peter asked what was happening with the groundwater problem from the Bodwell property. The EKCC has not been involved. It is our understanding that the State Permit to receive and treat septage has been suspended. Also, abutting wells have been tested and those that have been impacted will need to have a treatment system installed.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is Scheduled for

January 13, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted;

[Signature: Dennis G. Quintal]
Dennis G. Quintal

Time Adjourned: 6:21 PM