


Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting July 11, 2022

Approved.
8-8-22


The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:02pm.

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

Guest: Adam Barss (departed approx. 5:45pm)

Minutes from June 13, 2022 were reviewed and approved with no changes.

Correspondence:

1. 6-13-22 Email Rockingham Planning Commission News
2. 6-14-22 Email from Farmland Information Center.
3. 6-14-22 Email from NHACC June News.
4. EKCC Budget Summary as of 5-31-22.
5. Monitoring Report from RCCD for the Harold & Elizabeth Bodwell Conservation Easement, Rear of land off Stumpfield Road. No Changes.
6. Monitoring Report from RCCD for the Richard A. Smith Easement, Current Owner R.E. Smith Trust, 129 Sanborn Road. No changes.
7. Citizens Bank end of June Balance for Conservation Fund \$36,396.81. Monthly Interest was \$0.30.
8. 6-24-22 Reimbursement submitted from Gordon delivered to Grace for payment.
9. 7-5-22 suggestions from resident Matthew Freeman to continue Protect It or Lose It campaign.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Email from Chris Rider (rotorider) on 5-31-22 regarding his possible interest in a Conservation Easement on his property (72 acres in East Kingston). Dennis called Chris, who spoke of Easements mostly in Kensington & Exeter. Chris also shared on 6-26-22 a string of emails from Mike Speltz formerly of the Society of Protection of NH Forests. His property is tax map parcel 17-32 and is on our Conservation Priorities list as 72 acres in East Kingston.
2. Email from Shawn Moses about algae on the Powwow. Dennis called & spoke with Mr. Moses. Not much can be done about the algae in that area.
3. Invasives Removal. On 6-23-22 members of the EKCC removed multiple bags of Invasive species and some litter at the Railroad Lot. We agreed to meet again in October to pull remaining bittersweet.
4. Bank Restoration. Copies of Bid Documents have been made and delivered to the Town Office. Purchase or viewing to begin Tuesday 7-12-22. Vicki has started the process of communicating the Public Notice with flyers in town, Facebook posts, and ads in Carriage Towne News, Portsmouth Herald, Exeter-Hampton Letter and Union-Leader (total cost for ads ~\$200).
5. Bank Restoration Fundraising. Julie and Dennis met with the town to set up Stripe and the credit card account for the brick fundraiser. We will direct people to www.4everbricks.com/donors/ekcc vs our EKCC web page after making a few modifications to the page copy. Julie will revise the poster with a new QR code and post and promote. We'll ask for a table at the Farmers Market on July 17th & promote the brick fundraiser and Protect It or Lose It campaign.
6. Pollinator Pathways NH. A rewilded garden program was held in Hampstead on July 6. See the Pollinator Pathways NH Facebook page for upcoming programs.
7. Conservation Priorities Plan List & Next Steps. We discussed Gordon's Conservation Priorities list of 10+ Acre parcels in EK. Dennis suggested adding another factor – likelihood of property/parcel to be developed. He will share "likely to be developed" parcels with us at the August meeting.
8. Protect it or Lose It Campaign Next Steps. We discussed Vicki's updated Communications Plan and Matt Freeman's suggestions. We agreed to communicate with both landowners and town residents prior to the March warrant. Vicki will draft warrant article for discussion/approval at the August EKCC meeting and asked members for help on the communication plan tactics.
9. EK Edition topic. Julie will draft an article about the brick fundraiser for Powwow Bank restoration.
10. Carter Property on 68 South Road. No news

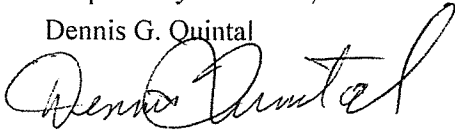
NEW BUSINESS:

1. Working with the Planning Board on NRI. Dennis offered East Kingston Conservation Commission's support on the town's Master Growth Plan at the last meeting and will again in a future meeting.
2. EKCC at Farmers' Market. Julie will ask for a space/a table at the first Farmers' Market event on Sunday, July 17th. EKCC will share materials about the brick fundraiser and conservation easement campaign. Vicki will strive to design and order a table runner for the event.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is Scheduled for August 8, 2022 at 5:00PM

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis G. Quintal



Time Adjourned: 6:27pm