

# Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting August 8, 2022

Approved  
9-12-22  
[Signature]

The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:10pm.

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

Minutes from July 11, 2022 were reviewed and approved with no changes.

## Correspondence:

1. A Notification/Complaint Form about septage and animal waste odors in the Powwow was submitted to the town on 7-11-22. "Surface runoff from organic waste and untreated septage are primary sources of pollution to surface waters and should not be allowed by the town. Perhaps code enforcement is warranted."
2. 7-20-22 Email from Dennis with Invoice from Aqualogic for Milfoil Removal by divers on May 27-28, 2022. East Kingston paid 1/3 the cost of the work, or \$738, from Conservation Budget. Also, on 7-20-22, an email from Julie Ostopchuk that milfoil is on the Cove Rd side of the Pond, and not referenced on the NH DES milfoil map.
3. 7-15-22 Affidavit from the NH Union Leader's Susan Carrier of Public Notice in Union Leader for bank restoration
4. 7-19-22 LocalIQ Proof of publication in Portsmouth Herald and Exeter Hampton Letter, both on 7-8-22
5. 7-13-22 Email from Gannett/LocalIQ about notices in Portsmouth Herald and Exeter Hampton Letter
6. 7-15-22 Email from NHACC about Fall Lunch and Learn Zoom series
7. 7-16-22 Email notification of first brick fundraiser payment in the amount of \$150
8. 7-18-22 Email from NHACC about Women in the Woods survey
9. 7-22-22 Letter from Dennis/EKCC Chair to Select Board re: Davis/Johnnen Trust & Assigns Lot Line Adjustment
10. 7-25-22 Notice of Decision by EK Planning Board to approve Davis/Johnnen Trust lot line adjustment, including 2 sheets of 11"x17" Lot Line Adjustments maps for Lots 9-7-1 and 9-7-3 (1 and 3 Main Street)
11. Copy of Notice of Public Hearings July 28 and Aug. 8 re: Acquisition (by gift) of Land
12. EKCC NHDPIP Account statement for month ending 6-30-22.
13. 7-25-22 Email thread with Chris Rider regarding a conservation easement on his property
14. 7-18-22 Monitoring report from RCCD for the Daniel T. Bodwell easement, Current Owner Susan Deveney. Landowner change in 2021 and "potential for house construction within the excluded area" (outparcel), which was marked by wooden posts.
15. 7-18-22 Monitoring report from RCCD for the Nupp Easement, Current Owner Amy MacDonald, 35 North Road. "Invasive proliferation problem" prevented access to the western portion of the easement. Oriental bittersweet is choking out the tree farm and "massive trees of ... autumn olive and multiflora rose".
16. 7-18-22 Monitoring report from RCCD for the O'Shea Easement, Current owner Crazy Creek Realty Trust, 17 Stumpfield Rd. Fences prevented access to eastern boundary and northern part of easement; invasive species noted on property.
17. 8-5-22 Notice of Public Hearing on Monday 8/8/22 at 5:30pm re: Purchase and Sale of Town Land
18. 8-5-22 Conservation budget. With the Aqualogic payment of \$738 in July, the Conservation budget balance is \$5,724.01 (82% remaining of the \$7,000 budget), as of 7-31-22.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Invasive Milfoil. Julie reports new areas of milfoil on the Cove Rd. side, which were not on the DES map for removal. She has informed Russ Chute of the Powwow Pond Council.
2. Bank Restoration Fundraising. The brick fundraising page is live at <https://4everbricks.com/donors/ekcc/>. Vicki noted that the deadline for the Conservation Moose Plate Grant is Sept. 9; unfortunately, we cannot apply for 2023 funds without a bid and budget details.
3. Bank Restoration. Three contractors, including JAMCO, attended the July 27, 2022 pre-bid meeting on-site with Dennis Quintal and said they would bid on the project.
4. Conservation Priorities List. We postponed this discussion until the next meeting, Sept. 12.
5. Protect it or Lose It Communications.
  - a. Next "Conserve your Land: Protect Your Legacy" program. Gordon has reached out to possible panelists; tentative date is Weds, Oct. 12 at 5:00pm.
  - b. East Kingston Farmers' Market. July 17 & Aug. 14 (11am-2pm). Vicki will staff the EKCC table with content about the bank restoration and conservation easements.

- c. East Kingston Conservation Commission now has a table runner for events.
  - d. Table at Library with both Conservation Easement and Powwow Bank Restoration materials. Julie will take the lead; Vicki volunteered to help.
  - e. Flyers. We'll rotate content at Jones General Store & Makers Post, starting with Powwow Bank Restoration fundraising.
  - f. Monahan Farm plaque. Gordon will ask Jeremy Lougee about this when they discuss the upcoming Protect Your Land panel.
  - g. Digital message "Conserve your land - Protect our town". We discussed that this is premature but would like to use the digital message forum when we have the town article.
- 6. Pollinator Pathways NH. With Girl Scouts, East Kingston donated 50 milkweed seed packets to Kensington Conservation Commission for Hodges Lodges Trail Run fundraiser on Aug. 13.
  - 7. Carter property at 68 South Road. Still in process, according to SELT.
  - 8. EK Edition topic(s). Brick fundraiser? Conservation easement? Other?

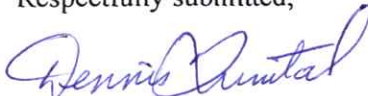
**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Resident parking stickers. We discussed signage and resident communication of the town's sticker regulations. Dennis will share some recommendations with the Select Board.
- 2. Warrant article draft. We discussed and will review v2 at the next meeting.
- 3. Oriental Bittersweet management at Railroad Lot. We discussed pros and cons of managing this ourselves (with or without chemicals applied to invasive stems only) and engaging outside services. We agreed to get an estimate from Rockingham County Conservation District. Vicki will work with RCCD's Tracy Degnan to schedule an on-site visit in early-to-mid November.
- 4. East Kingston Conservation Commission brick donation. We, as a Conservation Commission, voted to purchase a 12"x12" brick for \$250 from the Conservation Fund. Julie will follow up with 4everbricks.
- 5. Kingston Highway Department letter about storm water management and septic system maintenance to preserve Kingston's water quality. Example/sample from Karen & Dennis Quintal for our review. Tabled for the next meeting.

**Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is Scheduled for Sept. 12, 2022 at 5:00PM**

Respectfully submitted;

Time Adjourned: 6:54pm



Dennis G. Quintal