


Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting September 12, 2022

Approved.
10-10-22


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

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

Absent: Gordon Powers

Guests: Shaw Tilton & Trish Tidd (until 5:15pm); Jeremy Lougee of SELT (until 5:45pm).

Minutes from August 8, 2022 were reviewed and approved with no changes.

Correspondence:

1. NHPDIP Statement for the end of July Balance of \$2,093.02. Interest received \$2.79.
2. NHPDIP Statement for the end of August Balance of \$2,097.04. Interest received \$4.02.
3. Citizens Bank end of July Balance for Conservation Fund \$36,687.51. Includes Monthly Interest was \$0.31 and Stripe Transfer \$290.39.
4. August 8, 2022 Letter from NH Dept of Natural and Cultural Resources Division of Forests and Lands. Notice that they are planning a Timber Harvest on their Eaton State Forest 22.5 Ac. land off South Road. Public Bidding scheduled for the Fall of 2022.
5. August 8, 2022 Email from Trustees of the Trust Funds. Noting to be cautious about spending monies that would be withdrawn from the Town Capital Reserve Funds.
6. 8-13-22 Email from Shaw Tilton, candidate for State Rep. who is planning on attending this meeting.
7. Summer Issue of the Granite State Tree Farmer
8. 8-16-22 Letter from 4H Camper – Tavian Renzi.
9. 8-16-22 Email from Gordon who has worked to set up the next “Protect your Land” workshop with Hal Bodwell and Jeremy from SELT to be held October 12, 2022. Flyer to be sent to EK Edition Oct 1.
10. Email from UNH’s Amanda Stone on 8-16-22 about WORKSHOPS for the 2021 New Hampshire Coastal Watershed Conservation Plan. Vicki registered for the 9-30 workshop.
11. 8-17-22 Email from NHACC August 2022 News
12. 8-22-22 Email from county forester, Greg Jordan notice of the upcoming free program in Durham, “Invasive Plant Conservation for Conservation Commissions” Sept 23 from 1-4pm. Register by Sept 22.
13. 8-22-22 email with list of Conservation Funds & Grants, via NHACC
14. Carriage Towne News published the EKCC article “Adam Barss Joins the EKCC” on 9-1-22:
https://www.carriagetownenews.com/news/lifestyles/adam-barss-joins-the-east-kingston-conservation-commission/article_fc7751a4-1d9d-11ed-b722-27601380783f.html
15. 9-8-22 Email from Grace detailing the update on the Cove Road Complaint submitted last month.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Carter property at 68 South Road. Jeremy Lougee of Southeast Land Trust (SELT) gave us an update. We agreed to ask the Select Board for a public hearing regarding the allocation of conservation funds to support the Carter Conservation Easement, likely in 2024.
2. Bank Restoration. We reviewed the bid from SumCo Eco-Contracting and discussed ways to possibly reduce the cost via other options and/or additional bids. (Vicki will send names of leads/referrals from Kingston CC and Exeter.) Julie will draft a warrant article for a sum up to/NTE \$107,000.
3. Bank Restoration Fundraising. EKCC has received >\$700 in donations to date. We agreed to have a table to promote the brick fundraiser at the school on primary Voting Day Sept. 13, 2022. Residents can donate via at <https://4everbricks.com/donors/ekcc/>.

4. Conservation Priorities List. Dennis will review Gordon's prioritized list and add comments about other factors which would increase a property's conservation value. We agreed to postpone this topic again until the October meeting.
5. Protect it or Lose It Communications.
 - a. Weds, October 12 at 5pm - "Conserve your Land: Protect Your Legacy" program is confirmed.
 - b. Landowner letter mailing. Gordon will send a draft for our review.
 - c. East Kingston Farmers' Market. Sunday, Sept. 18 (11am-2pm). Dennis and Adam will look at their schedules.
 - d. Flyer at town hall, library, Jones, Makers Post.
 - e. Monahan Farm plaque. TBD
 - f. Table at Library with both Conservation Easement and Powwow Bank Restoration materials. Julie will take the lead; Vicki volunteered to help. TBD (not discussed)
 - g. Digital message "Conserve your land - Protect our town". Tabled - for when we have the town article.
6. Warrant article v2. We discussed it and next steps. Dennis offered to share the warrant article with the Select Board and suggested we create supporting documents in the form of a powerpoint deck with details and other town's conservation efforts, prior to the deliberative session in February 2023.
7. Pollinator Pathways NH. PPNH will exhibit at SELT's TrailFest on Saturday Oct. 15 with milkweed seeds and a Trail Tale. The annual seed exchange is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 29 at Kingston Rec Center.
8. EK Edition topic(s). Vicki drafted an article about the Oct. 12 conservation easements panel for review. Julie will draft an article about Powwow Bank Restoration fundraising.
9. Resident parking stickers.
10. EKCC brick donation.

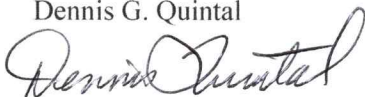
NEW BUSINESS:

1. Met with Shaw Tilton & Trish Tidd. Both are candidates for NH State Rep in District 34. Shaw is the treasurer of Kingston Conservation Commission and serves on the budget committee. Trish is a scientist.
2. Setup at School for Voting Day.
3. Kingston Highway Department letter about storm water management and septic system maintenance to preserve Kingston's water quality. We reviewed the letter/sample from Karen & Dennis Quintal and talked about creating a similar letter and a "Get Pumped NH" brochure in partnership with NHASH & DES (nhash.com and www.des.nh.gov)
4. Litter Pick Up on Haverhill Road. We discussed doing Haverhill Rd. before winter, perhaps in November. We also discussed coordinating with town residents to clean up all town streets, perhaps on Earth Day (or Earth week).

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is Scheduled for Oct. 10, 2022 at 5:00PM

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis G. Quintal



Time Adjourned: 7:07pm