

Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting November 14, 2022

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12-12-22
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The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:03 pm.

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

Guest: Glenn McKenna

Minutes from October 10, 2022 were reviewed and approved with one change.

Correspondence:

1. Conservation Budget as of 9-30-22. We discussed the 2023 Conservation Commission budget. We agreed to keep the milfoil invasives removal budget of \$6,000/year the same for 2023, and to increase the conservation fund budget, which has stayed flat at \$1,000/year for 4+ years, to \$3,000 for next year, to cover increased expenses for new initiatives related to Powwow bank restoration and land conservation.
2. Debrief on EKCC's 10-12-22 program, Protect Your Land: Preserve Your Legacy program, via email on 10-13-22 by Vicki Brown.
3. Barry Conservation Camp 2023 notice received. We must advertise now for campers since the deadline is January 15, 2023 to reserve spot. Gordon and Adam will promote it with Carriage Towne News and schools, respectively.
4. Legal Calendar for the March 14, 2023 Annual Meeting.
5. 10-14-22 NHPDIP statement for month ending 9-30-22 balance is \$2,101.43 interest was \$4.39.
6. 10-14-22 NHPDIP statement for month ending 10-31-22. Balance of \$2,106.92. Interest received \$5.49.
7. 10-14-22 Invoice from NHACC 2-23-22 Membership Dues is \$250.00. We agreed to pay it now from conservation budget.
8. 10-20-22 NHACC October e-newsletter.
9. 11-1-22 NHPDIP Annual Report June 30, 2022.
10. 11-13-22 Oriental Bittersweet Removal Proposal from Tracy Degnan of RCCD for Railroad Lot.
11. Cash donations for the Powwow Bank restoration project amounting to \$20.00 will be submitted to Grace Ruelle for recording in our account.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Carter property at 68 South Road. No news. Upcoming Public Hearing with the Selectmen is on hold.
2. Bank Restoration. Plan given to local contractor Michael Paul for bid, but we don't yet have a proposal. We reviewed the Powwow Bank Restoration Draft Warrant Article and agreed on \$115,000. Vicki will revise and Dennis will give to the Select Board.
3. Warrants Timeline / Schedule / Next Steps. We agreed to hold a special meeting on Weds, 11/30, to discuss the multi-page package of supporting documents for the bond warrant. An outstanding item for the presentation is quantifiable data on the bond's impact on individual tax rates. We also discussed securing letters of support.
4. Bank Restoration Fundraising. No update on cumulative donations to date. Residents can donate via at <https://4everbricks.com/donors/ekcc/>.
5. Conservation Priorities List. Dennis is working on adding the column called "Wetlands and Frontage Access" as a fifth factor in our prioritization of town properties for conservation. We also plan to add coastal priority agricultural resources and coastal conservation focus areas info as factors in prioritizing our town's >10 acre properties from the NH Coastal Watershed Conservation plan. We agreed the completion of this list is less pressing than the bond warrant, so will pick this up again in 2023.
6. Litter Pick Up on Haverhill Road was done October 21, 2022.

7. Oriental Bittersweet Removal Proposal. We reviewed the 11-13-22 proposal from RCCD for invasive species removal and agreed to move forward with the both the east (\$1,680) and west side (up to \$2,500) of the Railroad Lot. Vicki will ask RCCD for a formal proposal for the west side; Dennis will sign both proposals for work to be done simultaneously in 2023.
8. Monahan Farm plaque. TBD pending discussion with SELT.
9. Pollinator Pathways NH. PPNH exhibited at SELT's TrailFest on Saturday Oct. 15 with milkweed seeds and a Trail Tale. The 4th annual seed exchange on Saturday, Oct. 29 in Kingston was well attended.
10. EK Edition topic(s). Julie will draft an article about Powwow bank restoration; Vicki will draft an article about land conservation.
11. Town Forest Management. Three EKCC members removed 10 bags of oriental bittersweet berries from the RR Lot.
12. EKCC brick donation. Tabled decision on which year's budget to pay for this.

NEW BUSINESS:

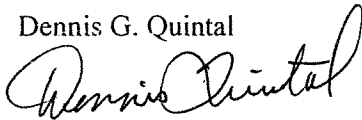
1. Resident request to clear water lily pads out of Powwow Pond for kayaking/canoeing. Tabled this discussion for the winter; would be an excellent article for EK Edition and communication with East Kingston residents.

Next meetings of the Conservation Commission are scheduled for

- **Weds, Nov. 30 at 5:00PM (special meeting)**
- **Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2022 at 5:00PM**

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis G. Quintal



Time Adjourned: 6:41pm