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**Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission**  
Minutes of Meeting December 12, 2022

The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:06 pm.

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

Minutes from November 14 and November 30, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

**Correspondence:**

1. Citizens Bank end of October Balance for Conservation Fund \$37,341.89. Monthly Interest was \$0.32.
2. RCCD's Railroad and Boat Ramp Property proposals for Invasive Species Management.
3. Restoration Fundraising. Buy a Brick Payout Summary indicates \$1,450, netting \$1,025.98 after credit card and 4everbrick fees. No change from using STRIPE for ecommerce.
4. 11-15-22 If you missed the NHACC Annual Meeting & Conference you can order the recordings.
5. 11-16-22 NHACC November e-newsletter.
6. 11-17-22 email from Vicki to Matt Freeman thanking him for his supportive letter -- Conserving and Preserving NH's Open Spaces: One Parcel at a Time -- published in the Dec. 1 print edition of Carriage Towne News and online 10/27/22.
7. 11-17-22 email from Vicki about new EK website and EKCC pages.
8. 12-9-22 NHPDIP Statement for the end 11-30-22 Balance of \$2,113.49. Interest received \$6.57.
9. Reimbursement request received from Gordon for his recent expenses. Dennis submitted to Grace for payment from the Conservation Budget.
10. Nov/December Environmental News.
11. 12-12-22 Thank you card from Shaw Tilton.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Open Space Slides. We reviewed them.
2. Conservation 2023 Budget. Dennis met with BOS Nov. 28 and provided notice of increasing budget from \$1,000 in 2022 to \$3,000 in 2023 to support increased open space and conservation activities.
3. Barry Conservation Camp 2023. Public Notices have been done. No calls yet. Deadline January 10, 2023.
4. Carter property at 68 South Road. No news. Select Board Public Hearing previously scheduled for today (Dec. 12) at 6 PM was cancelled.
5. Bank Restoration. No response from local contractor yet. \$115K Warrant Article was given to Select Board.
6. Warrants Timeline / Schedule. Open Space \$4M Bond Public Hearing scheduled for January 16, 2023.
7. Conservation Priorities List. Dennis is adding info about "Wetlands and Frontage Access" as a fifth factor in our prioritization of properties for conservation. We also plan to add coastal priority agricultural resources and conservation focus areas info from the NH Coastal Watershed Conservation plan as factors in our list. We agreed the completion of this list is less pressing than the bond warrant, so will pick this up again in 2023.
8. Monahan Farm plaque. SELT has supported such efforts from other towns/properties in the past, with conservation easement owner approval. We discussed next steps.
9. Pollinator Pathways NH. No news. Info is available at [facebook.com/pollinatorpathwaysnh](https://facebook.com/pollinatorpathwaysnh)
10. EK Edition topic. Proposed Bond to Protect Open Space in East Kingston
11. Powwow Bank Restoration Fundraising. Residents can donate via at <https://4everbricks.com/donors/ekcc/>.

12. Invasives Removal at town Railroad Lot property. We reviewed the two RCCD proposals. A motion was made by Vicki, seconded by Dennis, to move forward with the both the east (\$1,680) and west side/EK Boat Ramp (\$2,245) of the Railroad Lot, for a total of \$3,925 in 2023. Dennis will sign both proposals on behalf of EKCC for work to be done by RCCD in 2023.
13. EKCC brick donation. Payment discussion tabled.

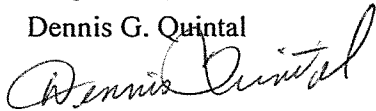
**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. End of year - remaining 2022 Budget monies will be deposited in the Conservation Fund per RSA.
2. EKCC web site. Vicki received training to make EKCC web page updates on 12/1/22. Many updates need to be made as changes made from July- November didn't transition over to the new website.
3. Open Space bond warrant flyer. Reviewed and approved.
4. Open Space postcard for mailing. Reviewed and approved.

**Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday Jan. 9, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis G. Quintal



Time Adjourned: 6:40pm