

Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting February 13, 2023

APPROVED.
3-20-23
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The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:02pm.

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

Guest: Brooke Petrucelli, 10 Burnt Swamp Rd.

Minutes from January 9, 2023. Gordon made a motion to approve; Julie seconded. PUNA (Passed unanimously).

Correspondence:

1. 1-10-23 thru 2-8-23 emails from Quality Mailing House LLC re: postcard mailing.
2. 1-11-23 email from Jeremy Lougee about Chris Rider property.
3. 1-12-23 email from Greg Jordan, UNH Extension, with updated Rockingham County Forester flyers.
4. 1-12-23 email from the Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee (ESRLAC) with 2022 Annual Report and request for dues and an East Kingston representative.
5. 1-13-23 email from Greg Jordan, UNH Extension, asking for "Urban and Community Forestry Survey" response.
6. 1-13-23 email from Leah Hart, SPNHF – Support for Open Space.
7. 1-31-23 email from Lynn Vaccaro, NHFG, re: Coastal Watershed Conservation Plan technical assistance.
8. 2-7-23 interest from Brooke Petrucelli of Burnt Swamp Rd. to be an EKCC volunteer or alternate.
9. RCCD Stewardship Reports for the Blunt & Bott Conservation Easements. Noted both in compliance with deed.
10. 2-9-23 email Proposal from Seacoast Treecare to treat the ash tree at the Cemetery this spring. We discussed the importance of timing to be effective and agreed to solicit a bid from IPM of NH, LLC.
11. 2-7-23 NHPDIP statement for month ending 1-31-23 balance is \$2,129.15 interest was \$8.04.
12. Citizens Bank end of January Balance for Conservation Fund \$43,135.56. Monthly Interest was \$0.36.
13. Winter 23 issue of Great Bay Matters.
14. Reimbursement Request from Vicki Brown. Gordon made a motion, seconded by Adam, to reimburse Vicki out of the conservation budget. PUNA.
15. Conservation Report on Funds. Prepared for year ending Dec. 31, 2022.
16. Report of Conservation Commission was submitted to the Select Board for the Town Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Open Space Bond Warrant Article #4
 - i. Messaging. Julie moved, Gordon seconded, approval of the messaging and postcard design.
 - ii. Postcard mailer. The mailing is on schedule. We will pay standard postal rates because we do not have nonprofit status.
 - iii. Carriage Towne News. We discussed and approved a joint Letter to the Editor about the conservation warrant article.
 - iv. Yard signs from F.O.K.O.S.
 - v. Signage at Town Meeting March 14.
 - vi. EKCC Web pages.
 - vii. Town's digital billboard.
2. Bank Restoration. Revised RFP in process.
3. Powwow Bank Restoration Warrant Article 16. Julie said the Powwow Pond Council and Recreation Committee will help promote the article. Vicki will add the warrant article language to the Powwow Bank Restoration page
4. EKCC brick fundraising. No sales during the month of January. Residents can donate / purchase a brick at <https://4everbricks.com/donors/ekcc/>.
5. Carter property at 68 South Road. No news.
6. Chris Rider property (confidential).
7. Conservation Priorities List. Updates tabled. Coastal conservation plan technical assistance discussed under New Business.

8. Public access to EKCC Minutes. Vicki made a motion, seconded by Gordon, to post draft meeting minutes to the town website within 5 business days of a meeting. PUNA
9. Monahan Farm plaque. Tabled for now.
10. Pollinator Pathways NH. Starting Feb. 22, four butterfly survey training sessions will be presented in partnership with NH Fish & Game. In-person programs are scheduled in Rochester, Auburn, Atkinson and Epping this spring. Learn details at facebook.com/pollinatorpathwaysnh
11. EK Edition topics. We discussed two topics for 3-1-23 publication: 1) "Monahan Farm – A Conservation Easement Success Story", pending approval by the Walkers and 2) a Powwow project article

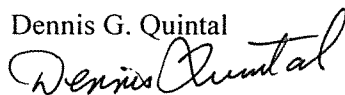
NEW BUSINESS:

1. Coastal Watershed Conservation Plan Technical Assistance. At our March meeting, we'll select an April date for an EKCC special meeting with UNH's Emma Tutein and NHFG's Lynn Vaccaro to discuss how the Coastal Watershed Conservation Plan's priorities benefit East Kingston and how to add these priorities to existing parcel prioritization spreadsheet.
2. DES permit request by Exeter NH to withdraw water from the aquifer at 576,000 gal/day, reported by a neighboring Conservation Commission. Dennis has not heard about this; Dennis and Vicki will seek more info.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday March 13, 2023.

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis G. Quintal



Time Adjourned: 6:52pm