

Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting March 20, 2023

The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:04pm.

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

Members Absent: Julie Ostopchuk

Guest: Brooke Petrucelli, Burnt Swamp Rd.

APPROVED
4-10-23
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Minutes from February 13, 2023. Adam made a motion to approve; Gordon seconded. PUNA (Passed unanimously). Chairperson election. Gordon made a motion to elect Dennis as chair; Adam seconded. PUNA

Correspondence:

1. 3-3-23 Quality Mailing House LLC Invoice for \$459.29. EKCC members will pay this and the \$323.54 for postage -- \$782.83 total – ourselves, as conservation commissions are not permitted to pay for warrant article mailings.
2. Email to EK Select Board regarding support for New Member to EKCC – Brooke Anne Petrucelli.
3. Renewal for the NH DOT Adopt a Highway agreement for Litter pick up on Haverhill Road. Next pickup is 8am, Fri 4/14.
4. Planning Board Meeting for Subdivision of land for Deschenes off Deer Run.
5. Email Proposal from Seacoast Tree Care to treat the ash tree at the Cemetery this spring. We expect a 2nd proposal from IPM of NH, LLC in the next few weeks.
6. Email RCCD for the Invasive removal this summer.
7. 3-7-23 NHPDIP statement for month ending 2-28-23 balance is \$2,136.75 interest was \$7.60.
8. 3-10-23 Email from Scott Orleans (concerns about the Bank Restoration) & response by Dennis.
9. 3-13-23 Email from NHDES Grant Request for Applications. East Kingston is not a town covered by this grant opportunity.
10. 3-15-23 Email from NHACC March e-News.
11. 3-16-23 Email from NHACC – PREP RFP for grants up to \$25,000.
12. 3-18-23 phone call from Julie Labranche offering to partner with EKCC on a spring event; e.g., wetland buffers.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Open Space Bond Warrant Article #4. We discussed and approved a Thank you Letter to voters.
2. Powwow Bank Restoration. We discussed next steps given that Town Warrant Article 16 was not approved. Dennis will revise the RFP. Info on the [Powwow Bank Restoration page](#)
3. EKCC brick fundraising. No update. Residents can purchase a brick at <https://4everbricks.com/donors/ekcc/>.
4. Carter property at 68 South Road. No news.
5. Monahan Farm plaque. Tabled.
6. Pollinator Pathways NH. Saturday March 25 is the opening of the seed library from 9am-noon at Kingston Community Library. Programs are scheduled in Rochester, Auburn, Atkinson & Epping this spring. facebook.com/pollinatorpathwaysnh
7. EK Edition topic(s). We reviewed & approved a Thank you Letter to voters.
8. Coastal Watershed Conservation Plan Technical Assistance. We agreed on possible dates in April 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.
9. Town of Exeter NH Large Groundwater Withdrawal Application. Vicki shared Exeter's Fact Sheet about Groundwater Source Development.

10. Conservation Properties Prioritization. Tabled until after the Technical Assistance meeting in April with the Coastal Watershed Conservation team.

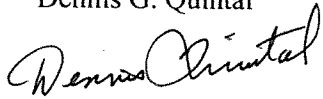
NEW BUSINESS:

1. Spring 2023 event. We will not hold a Wonders of Wetland Buffers program this spring. We will do litter pickup on Friday April 14.
2. EKCC Terms. Term expirations are different on the current website vs. last year. Last year's published information showed that 4 member terms end March 2023, vs. just 2 on the current site. Dennis will look into it.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday April 10, 2023.

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis G. Quintal



Time Adjourned: 6:28pm