


Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting May 8, 2023

APPROVED
6-19-23


The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:00pm.

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

Minutes from April 10, 2023. Vicki made a motion to approve; Julie seconded. Passed 4-1-1 (4 approved, 1 abstained because not present at April meeting, 1 absent).

Correspondence:

1. 4-13-23 phone conversation with Stacie Hernandez, The Forest Society, which does conservation easements for forests and wetlands. She is available for landowner questions and for panel discussions.
2. 4-13-23 NHACC Legislative Update April 2023 by email.
3. 4-14-23 NH Coastal Watershed Conservation Plan follow-up email from NHFG's Lynn Vaccaro
4. 4-14-23 NHPDIP Statement for month ending 3-31-23 balance is \$2,145.33. Interest was \$8.58.
5. 4-19-23 Pollinator Pathways NH April-May 2023 newsletter.
6. 4-26-23 notice: EK Planning Board to hold Public Hearing on subdivision plan for the Carter Family Irrevocable Trust on May 18, 2023 at 7pm.
7. 5-4-23 Email from Jeremy Lougee, SELT re: Rider property. Appraisal request in process.
8. 5-6-23 Email from Evy Nathan about 3 discarded barrels near wetland off of Bartons Trailer Park Rd.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Vendor selection for Cemetery ash tree treatment. We discussed two proposals for Emerald Ash Borer trunk injections. Julie made a motion and Brooke seconded to select IPM of NH LLC. PUNA. Vicki will inform IPM.
2. EKCC term expiration dates. We'll update the term expiration dates on the website.
3. EK Summer Market. We agreed on this staff coverage: Brooke June 18; Vicki July 16; and Gordon Aug. 27.
4. Coastal Plan Tech Assistance Meeting 4/13.
5. Conservation Properties Prioritization. Dennis added a Development Potential column and rating, which we agreed to weight higher than other factors. We agreed to also add ratings Scenic Vistas/Historic/Cultural Significance, as well as Public Water Supply Potential rankings.
6. Bank Restoration and Town Warrant Article 16. Discussion around next steps.
7. EKCC brick fundraising. No new sales. Residents can purchase a brick at <https://4everbricks.com/donors/ekcc/>
8. Carter property at 68 South Road.
9. Rider property.
10. Pollinator Pathways NH. Held spring ephemeral walk May 6th. Upcoming May 20th, 9-11am: "Reimagining Your Lawn and Landscape to Support Biodiversity" at Riverside Gardens, 201 Tolend Road, Dover.
11. EK Edition topic(s). Bird walk announcement (Brooke); Lily pads on Powwow (Gordon).
12. EKCC web updates at eknh.org/conservation-commission.
13. Litter Pickup was conducted on Haverhill Road on April 14, 2023.
14. Mural project. No update; tabled.
15. Safety fence at the Railroad Parcel. No update.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bird Walk program by resident Kirk Elwell. Brooke offered to help promote the program.
2. SELT Reaccreditation with the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. We agreed to draft a written letter relating to SELT's compliance with national quality standards and submit before May 20. (List of standards in Requirements Manual; info about submitting feedback.)

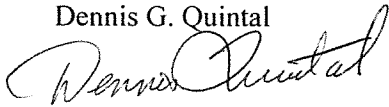
Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2023.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Vicki – inform IPM of NH, LLC about selection for ash tree treatment
2. Brooke – promote Bird Walk via flyers, EK Edition & CTN, etc.
3. Vicki – draft letter from EKCC in support of SELT's reaccreditation
4. Gordon – update Conservation Property Priorities list as discussed.
5. Dennis – share EKCC's recommendation for a safety fence at the railroad parcel with the Select Board
6. Julie – contact EKES principal about mural project

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis G. Quintal



Time Adjourned: 6:48pm