


Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting April 10, 2023

APPROVED
5-8-23


The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:02 pm.

Members Present: Vicki Brown, Gordon Powers, Julie Ostopchuk, Brooke Petrucelli

Members Absent: Adam Barss, Dennis Quintal

Minutes from March 20, 2023. Gordon made a motion to approve; Brooke seconded. PUNA (Passed unanimously).

Correspondence:

1. 3-22-23 email from Hampton CC Chair Jay Denier: "... want to congratulate you and the CC on a great effort to get such great support for your Conservation bond at Town Meeting."
2. 3-23-23 email from Stacie Hernandez, The Forest Society: "This is great news, congratulations on getting that passed. I look forward to hopefully working with East Kingston on a project. I grew up next to the Tucker and French Family Forest in Kingston, so very familiar with the area."
3. 3-25-23 email from Clint Fernald: "Congratulations for your success with the town vote... Thank you for all your efforts to continue promoting conservation easements in town."
4. 3-26-23 proposal from IPM of NH, LLC for Emerald Ash Borer treatment of the town ash tree in the South Rd. Cemetery.
5. 3-27-23 Granite State Tree Farmer Winter 2023 newsletter
6. 3-31-23 email from Chris Rider re: conservation easement.
7. 4-3-23 Call for Vendors: 2023 East Kingston Summer Market Series. Dates are Sundays 10am-2pm on June 18, July 16 and August 27.
8. 4-3-23 Email from Stacie Hernandez of the Forest Society to schedule a call re: EKCC conservation on April 13 at 11:30am.
9. 4-3-25 Email from Jeremy Lougee, SELT re: Rider property
10. 4-5-23 PREPA funding info via the Conservation Commission Roundtable
11. 4-7-23 Citizens account balance of \$43,233.06 on March 31, 2023, earning \$0.37 interest during the month of March

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Postcard mailing. EKCC members have privately paid all costs of the postcard mailing sent to East Kingston residents about the Conservation Bond Warrant Article #4 in late February.
2. Open Space Bond Warrant Article #4. Conservation Gets 65% of Vote in East Kingston was published in the Carriage Towne News online on 3/28 and in print on 3/30. Our Thank you, East Kingston letter to residents was published in CTN online 3/21 and in the EK Edition on 4/1.
3. Bank Restoration and Town Warrant Article 16. We discussed next steps to move forward given that Town Warrant Article 16 was not approved. Julie made a motion to ask the Select Board to approve our recommendation for a safety fence at the railroad parcel; Gordon seconded. PUNA. Tabled discussion on other next steps for a future meeting. Info on the Powwow Bank Restoration page
4. EKCC brick fundraising. No update. Residents can purchase a brick at <https://4everbricks.com/donors/ekcc/>
5. Carter property at 68 South Road. No news.
6. Rider property. Julie made a motion that EKCC pays a 25% share (with Kensington, Exeter and Mr. Rider) for the cost of an appraisal (which SELT has said it will manage); Vicki seconded. PUNA.
7. Cemetery ash tree treatment. We tabled selection of the vendor for the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) treatment, to have both proposals (from Seacoast Tree Care and IPM of NH LLC) in hand and all members present.
8. EKCC members' term expiration dates. Tabled pending Dennis' report.

9. Pollinator Pathways NH. Programs are scheduled in Rochester, Auburn, Atkinson & Epping this spring. facebook.com/pollinatorpathwaysnh
10. EK Edition topic(s). Julie volunteered to draft an article about the Powwow bank restoration and fundraiser.
11. Conservation Properties Prioritization. Tabled until after the Technical Assistance meeting April 13 with the Coastal Watershed Conservation team.
12. Town of Exeter NH Large Groundwater Withdrawal Application. Vicki shared Kensington Select Board's letter to NH DES.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. EKCC table at East Kingston Summer Market. Brooke made a motion for EKCC to have a table at all 3 summer markets on Sundays 10am-2pm on June 18, July 16 and August 27; Julie seconded. PUNA.
2. Agenda for Coastal Tech Assistance Meeting on 4-13-23 with UNH Extension & NHFG. We reviewed the agenda for the meeting on Thursday 4/13 at 5pm
3. Birding programs.
4. Library Conservation Display.
5. Mural Art Project. We discussed a mural, painted by EKES students, at the bridge at the Railroad Parcel. It would be in conjunction with the railroad. Julie will follow up with the EKES principal to gauge interest.
6. EKCC website. We discussed updates to eknh.org/conservation-commission.

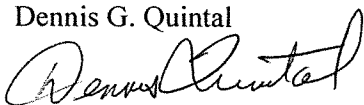
Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2023.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Julie - draft EK Edition article about Powwow bank restoration (due 4/17)
2. Dennis & Vicki – bring copies of EAB vendor proposals to 5/8 EKCC meeting
3. Julie & Dennis –get EKCC's recommendation for a safety fence at the railroad parcel on the Select Board agenda
4. Julie – contact EKES principal about mural project

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis G. Quintal



Time Adjourned: 6:19pm