

Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting July 10, 2023

*Approved.
8-10-23*

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

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

Guests: Peter Brown, Jeff Brown, Mike Seekamp

Absent: Julie Ostopchuk

Minutes from June 19, 2023. Gordon made a motion to approve; Adam seconded. PUNA.

Correspondence:

1. 6-16-23 and 6-28-23 invitation from Beth Fraser at American Farmland Trust (AFT) about \$10,000 grant to participate in American Farmland Trust's Soil Health Stewards program.
2. 6-19-23 email from Tracy Degnan at RCCD confirming invasives management plan for the Railroad Lot is on their calendar for early August, possibly late July, depending on the weather.
3. 6-30-23 Merrimack Conservation Partnership email about two new 2023 Grants – for land conservation and for Education and Outreach
4. 6-26-23 Letter from NHDES report of Alleged Violation at 8 Freeman Street, Kingswood Farm. The letter asks the Owner to respond within 20 days. Owner says Response has been made to DES.
5. NHPDIP Statement for month ending 5-31-23 balance is \$2,163.12 interest was \$9.22.
6. 7-9-23 copy of NHACC letter to NH DES about proposed wetlands access change to regulations

ACTION ITEMS from 6-19-23:

1. Adam – draft letter from EKCC to NH DES about proposed wetlands regulation requiring numerous signatures prior to any CC site visit. Complete
2. (from 5-8-23) Julie – contact EKES principal about mural project – No Update
3. (from 5-8-23) Julie – ask the Railroad for answers to questions posed by the EK Select Board about a proposed safety fence at the town Railroad parcel. No Update
4. Vicki – ask Coastal Wetlands Technical Assistance team for help on the water supply column for the Conservation Properties Priority List. Complete.
5. Brooke – tackle the “Scenic/cultural/historical” factor in the Conservation Priorities list. Ongoing.
6. Gordon – secure town permission & manage logistics for EKCC's Paddle the Powwow. Complete.
7. Gordon – consider sending “Lily pads on the Powwow” article to Carriage Towne News. Decided against.
8. Vicki – set up and staff table at EK Summer Market on Sunday July 16, 10am-2pm. Upcoming.
9. Gordon – set up and staff table at EK Summer Market on Sunday August 27, 10am-2pm. Upcoming.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 9 Bowley Road Review of Activities. Jeff & Peter Brown presented their proposed site plan for commercial development of the property. Peter said there are 6 acres that can be used (Phase 1, year one); Phase 2 is year two. About 10 acres are developable out of 28 acres.
2. Proposed NH DES regulation to require landowner permission for CCs to visit a site. Not all members favored the EKCC public comment letter idea; members can send individual comments instead.
3. Safety fence at RR Parcel. No update.
4. Mural project at town's RR parcel. No update.
5. RR Lot invasives removal by RCCD. Scheduled for late July or early August.
6. EK Summer Markets on Sunday July 16 (Vicki) & August 27 (Gordon).
7. Conservation Properties Prioritization. Discussed need for data on water quality factor.
8. Bank Restoration and Town Warrant Article 16. Discussion & RFP. Tabled until all members are present.
9. EKCC brick fundraising. No update.
10. Carter property at 68 South Road. Change to approved lot lines review at next Planning Board Meeting.

11. Rider property. Appraisal in process and expected back early July.
12. Pollinator Pathways NH. No update.
11. "Kayak on the Powwow" program. Tentative dates of Saturday Aug. 26 and a rain date of Sat., Sept. 9, both from 11am-1pm. Vicki motioned and Brooke seconded; PUNA.
12. EK Edition topic(s). Kayak on the Powwow promotion for August 1 (Gordon).
13. EKCC in the News: Engaging with East Kingston Conservation photo and article in Carriage Towne News 6-20-23 (also in print)
14. Web updates at eknh.org/conservation-commission

NEW BUSINESS:

1. \$10,000 grant to participate in American Farmland Trust's Soil Health Stewards program (reference email from Beth Fraser)
2. New England Outdoor Materials site walk follow-up.
3. Merrimack Conservation Partnership grants for land conservation and for Education and Outreach.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2023.

ACTION ITEMS:

Time Adjourned: 6:06 pm

1. (from 5-8-23) Julie – contact EKES principal about mural project
2. (from 5-8-23) Julie – ask the Railroad for answers to questions posed by the EK Select Board about a proposed safety fence at the town Railroad parcel.
3. Gordon – promote Paddle the Powwow program; draft article for EK Edition & CTN
4. Brooke – tackle the "Scenic/cultural/historical" factor in the Conservation Priorities list (ongoing)
5. Vicki – set up and staff table at EK Summer Market on Sunday July 16, 10am-2pm
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Respectfully submitted;

Dennis G. Quintal

