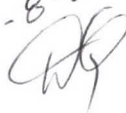


Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting December 11, 2023

APPROVED
1-8-24


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

Members Present: Vicki Brown, Gordon Powers, Dennis Quintal

Members Absent: Adam Barss, Julie Ostopchuk, Brooke Petrucelli

Guest: Dawn LeSage (departed ~5:30pm)

Minutes from November 13, 2023. Gordon made a motion to approve; Vicki seconded. PUNA

Correspondence:

1. 11-8-23 invitation to Lunch & Learn Webinar: How coastal NH/ME communities are advancing land conservation priorities on 12-8-23.
2. 11-11-23 received 20 copies of "Wildlife Corridors" brochure from UNH Extension
3. 11-14-23 Monitoring Report from RCCD for the Bott Easement, Owner contact: Marilyn Bott 127 South Road, East Kingston. Invasives found, No areas of concern.
4. 11-17-23 Budget Report. Note at end of year any remaining monies to be transferred to EKCC Fund
5. 11-21-23 email of a \$500K grant from the DWGTF (Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund), thus fully funding the Mueggler Agricultural Trust/ Rider property conservation easement. SELT's Jeremy Lougee will be in touch re: next steps.
6. 11-21-23 invoices from RCCD for invasives removal -- \$1,680 at Railroad Lot and \$2,245 at town Boat Ramp. These amounts match the proposals dated 12/5/22 and approved by EKCC on 12/12/22. Vicki moved; Gordon seconded payment out of the conservation budget, Powwow Pond milfoil line item. PUNA
7. 12-1-23 notice of a Pappalardo Family Realty Trust Design Review for creation of 12 conservation subdivision lots at 14 Tilton Lane (MBL# 14-3-12) consisting of 16.92 acres and at 2 North Rd (MBL# 14-3-7-1) consisting of 25.56 acres with a total combined area of 42.48 acres. This will be a nonbinding discussion on 12/21 at 6:30pm at EKES.
8. 12-4-23 Eversource project. Temporary wetland impact for line rebuild.
9. Request from BOS for 2023 Year-End Report – no later than January 10, 2024.
10. 12-8-23 Connect to Protect follow-up, with resources and link to 12-8 webinar
11. 12-11-23 NHPDIP balance of \$2,221.81 as of 11/30/23.

ACTION ITEMS from 11-13-23:

1. Gordon – EK Edition article about Barry Camp sponsorship. *Complete.*
2. Dennis – for Powwow project, ask DES what types of modifications require an application resubmission. *Complete.*
3. Dennis – take photos at Parsonage Lot of compost and Christmas tree dumping cited in the easement report. *Complete*
4. Julie (from 5-8-23) - contact EKES principal & CSX Railroad about mural project. *In process (no response).*
5. Julie (from 5-8-23) - ask the Railroad for answers to questions posed by the EK Select Board about a proposed safety fence at the town Railroad parcel. *In process; no response.*
6. Brooke – tackle the "Scenic/cultural/historical" factor in the Conservation Priorities list. *Ongoing.*
7. Vicki & Gordon – schedule working session and input ratings data for water supply factor on "Buildable Parcels >10 acres" conservation priorities list. *Complete.*

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2 Deer Run Rd. conservation easement discussion with Dawn LeSage (guest).
2. Mueggler Agricultural Trust / Rider conservation project. The DWGTF (Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund) awarded a \$500K grant to fully fund the project. Awaiting details of next steps from SELT.
3. Carter property at 68 South Road. No update.
4. Bank Restoration RFP & Town Warrant Article. DES' Eben Lewis advises we flatten steep slope – use core logs and willow trees. We would have to submit a revised plan to DES.

5. 9 Bowley Road / Midnight Leasing LLC. Discussion at EK Planning Board meeting Thursday, 12/21 at 7pm at East Kingston Elementary School was continued to February.
6. Conservation Properties Priorities.
 - i. Water Supply Potential factor. Complete.
 - ii. Cultural/historical/scenic factor. In process.
 - iii. NEW Weighted map, consolidating all 8 factors. Discussion to continue when all members are present.
7. Conservation easement violations at Parsonage Lot (compost & Christmas tree dumping). We discussed and agreed the brushpile is minimal impact, if any.
8. Tax Increase. We discussed whether to proactively communicate *We haven't borrowed any money at this time so the increase in taxes this year is not a result of conservation.*
9. Barry Conservation Camp sponsorship. Applications are due Jan. 8, 2024. We'll promote again this month via EK Edition & Carriage Towne News (Gordon) and online via Facebook (Brooke).
10. Safety fence at RR Parcel. No update.
11. Mural project at town's RR parcel. No update.
12. EKCC brick fundraising. No update.
13. Pollinator Pathways NH. No update.
11. EK Edition topic(s). Barry Camp sponsorship.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Culvert replacement near EK Salt Shed.
2. Tilton Lane conservation subdivision (see correspondence item #7 above). This will be a nonbinding discussion with the EKPb on 12/21 at 6:30pm at EKES.
3. EKCC goals and mission. Tabled.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024.

ACTION ITEMS:

Time Adjourned: 6:28pm

1. Vicki – postcard expenses for budget detail to Grace & Dennis
2. Gordon – EK Edition article about Barry Camp sponsorship.
3. Brooke – Facebook promotion about Barry Camp sponsorship.
4. Dennis – for Powwow project, revise RFP for EKCC review and resubmission to DES
5. (from 5-8-23) Julie – contact EKES principal & CSX Railroad about mural project.
6. (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.
7. Brooke – tackle the “Scenic/cultural/historical” factor in the Conservation Priorities list. *Ongoing.*

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis G. Quintal

