

Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting May 9, 2022

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

Members Present: Vicki Brown, Gordon Powers, Julie Ostopchuk, Dennis Quintal

Guest: Adam Barss

Approved:
6-13-22


Minutes from April 11, 2022 were reviewed and approved with no changes.

Correspondence:

1. 4-14-22 Email from 4Hcamps@UNH "Thank You! The check was received for the CC payment for the Camper this summer."
2. NHPDIP Statement for the end of March Balance of \$2,086.65. Interest received \$0.25.
3. Postcard from NH Lakes about Congress Thursday-Friday June 2-3. Info at nhlakes.org/lakes-congress

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bank Restoration: Dennis has incorporated our collective feedback into the document and will send it to the Select Board for their review and approval.
2. Bank Restoration Fundraising: Julie shared information via email from 4ever Bricks. Each 4"x8" brick would cost \$19.50; 8"x8" bricks are \$29.50 each. Delivery and all marketing services are included in the cost. A quick Better Business Bureau search turned up no matching business; after discussion, Julie agreed to validate the vendor's viability via a reference check with NH State Troopers and perhaps 1-2 others.
3. NRI Public Hearing: On April 21, the East Kingston Planning Board agreed to include the East Kingston Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) as a town reference document.
4. Town Composting: Julie said Dennis Perkins at Hidden Hollow Farm is not interested in town composting.
5. Pollinator Pathways NH: Last month's events included NH Audubon's Make Every Day Earth Day pollinator webinar on April 22 and Kensington Library's "A Garden for Pollinators and Wildlife" webinar on May 4.
6. Land Conservation: We are holding the event "Protect Your Land: Preserve Your Legacy" on Thursday June 9 at 7pm at the East Kingston Public Library. Former dairy farmer Hal Bodwell and SELT's Duane Hyde have agreed to be on a panel to present and answer questions.
7. Conservation Flyer: We reviewed Vicki's June 9th event flyer and "Land Protection Benefits" 11x1" flyer..
8. Landowner Letter: We discussed Gordon's draft letter to the 59 folks in town who own more than 10 acres; Gordon will send a revised draft to all via email for final approval. Goal is to mail the letter by May 15.
9. EK Edition topic: We agreed to submit an EKCC article about the June 9th "Protect Your Land: Preserve Your Legacy." Vicki will draft and send around for review.
10. Conservation Priorities: Last month, Gordon shared the list of 59 properties to conserve, prioritized based on four factors – overall acreage; proximity to other conservation land; presence of significant wildlife habitat; and proximity to a wildlife corridor. We'll discuss further at the next meeting.
11. Reimbursement to Vicki Brown for the amount of \$71.99 (for Staples poster printing) - Not yet received.

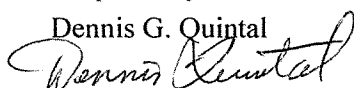
NEW BUSINESS:

1. Julie shared her desire to educate residents about healthy soils and soil-regenerative farming practices. Dennis recommended Julie talks to key farmer stakeholders to find out what worked or didn't, and why.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is Scheduled for May 9, 2022 at 5:00PM

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis G. Quintal



Time Adjourned: 6:47PM