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Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting April 8, 2024

The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:10pm

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

Members Absent: Vicki Brown, Julie Ostopchuk

Election of the EKCC chairperson positions for the next year (2024-2025). MM by GP 2nd by BP to elect Dennis as chairperson. Motion passed (3-1-0)

Minutes from March 11, 2024. GP made a motion to approve; AB seconded. PUNA (passed unanimously).

Correspondence:

1. 3-14-24 agenda for ESRLAC (Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee) meeting on Tues March 19. Discussion will include the draft Pickpocket Dam feasibility study.
2. 3-20-24 call for vendors for EK summer markets - Sunday, July 28th and Sunday, Sept. 22, both from 10-2. Both 10x10 spaces (booths) and tables are available and free to EK residents. Email Becky at eastkingstonfarmersmarket@gmail.com with any questions.
3. Received an Invoice for the Barry Conservation Camp. The fee is \$400 and the Parents \$150.00 and CC \$250.00. Motion made by AB 2nd by BP to pay the CC fee from the Budget. PUNA.
4. NHPDIP statement for month ending 2-29-24 balance \$2,251.87 interest was \$9.52.
5. RCCD Easement Monitoring Report for Blunt, 22 Joslin Road. No Issues.
6. Library Summer Reading Program – Zoe is asking if the EKCC would present a talk to students sometime this summer about the importance of conservation and care for wildlife around us.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. All – Reminder Litter pickup on Friday, April 12. Meet at 8am at the town office. Rain date Saturday.
2. Gordon – inform & secure approval of Paddle the Powwow programs from EK Board of Selectmen (*complete*); promote the programs via flyers in town and articles in EK Edition and the Eagle Tribune (CTN section). To be held May 25, 2024 from 10 AM till Noon.
3. Brooke – promote the Saturday, April 13 East Kingston Bird Walk via flyers in town and articles in EK Edition and the Eagle Tribune (CTN section). To be held April 13, 2024 from 7:30 AM till 10 AM.
4. Vicki – secure speakers, organize & promote a conservation easement Panel / Q&A in June. *In process*. Discuss more next month.
5. Dennis – for Powwow Bank Restoration project, revise project. *In progress*.
6. Next Month - (from 5-8-23) Julie – contact EKES principal & CSX Railroad about mural project. 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 – complete the “Scenic/cultural/historical” factor in the Conservation Priorities list using the EMMIT database of historical and archeological info. *In progress*

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bank Restoration Revise RFP & Town Warrant Article.
2. Conservation Properties Priorities.
 - a. Cultural/historical/scenic factor
 - b. Next Steps
3. Conservation Easements Panel and Q&A. Wednesday, June 12 at 5pm at EKPL. Panelists include Duane Hyde (SELT), Brian Hotz (The Forest Society) and conservation easement owners Amy MacDonald and Hal Bodwell.
4. (Tabled) Safety fence at RR Parcel. Mural project at town’s RR parcel. EKCC brick fundraising.
5. Pollinator Pathways NH. The “Design a Pollinator Garden Hands-On Work Session,” on March 16 was standing room only.

14. EK Edition topic(s). May 25th Paddle the Powwow and June Conservation Easements Panel & Q&A for publication May 1, 2024, send to Zoe at Library

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Summer market. EKCC table? Two dates - Sunday, July 28th and Sunday, Sept. 22, both from 10-
2. Email Becky at eastkingstonfarmersmarket@gmail.com. Discuss more at next meeting.
2. Invasives removal at town forests. Referencing Charlie Moreno's East Kingston Town Forest report and recommendations. Discuss more at next meeting.
3. The EK Planning Board has received an Application for Subdivision a 2 Deer Run on the May 16th agenda.
4. The EK Planning Board has received an Application for Subdivision at 131 North Road on May 16th agenda.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2024.

Time Adjourned: 5:56pm

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis G. Quintal