

6/16/22 Minutes Kittery Conservation Commission

Called to order at 5:00 pm.

Attending in person were Ed Thompson, Earldean Wells, Clayton Smith, Don Moore, and Lois Marshall. Attending via Zoom was Cassandra O'Brian.

Also present was Paula Ledgett from Save Kittery Waters.

Ms Ledgett presented a brief history and current report from Save Kittery Waters. Originating in 2021, the main concern was the amount of algae growth (*ulva intestinalis*) in the tidal waters of Kittery. It is killing native organisms, cutting off the oxygen exchange between the water and air above it. This is not cyclic, so can't be outwaited. To get rid of it will take positive action. *Ulva intestinalis* causes boating problems as well, tangling in the props and motors of boats.

Ms Ledgett shared a phone app to track the extent of the problem called Water Reporter. She also suggested that concerned individuals could join Save Kittery Waters, which can be done via Facebook or email or in person. She gave an address, 319 Grant St, Kittery, as the physical location.

Roger's Park culvert needs reset.

Clayton Smith and Don Moore have volunteered to look at the site of the proposed footbridge in Town Forest.

There has been a review requested on the 900-unit project, requesting that the current mixed-use zoning be returned from neighborhood mixed use zone.

Planning Board

28 Wyman has a minor vernal pool. The difference between a major and minor pool is that there are only two of the required three types of life present in the pool if it is minor. The area will be marked as wetlands.

134 Whipple wants to do a wall and fill.

35 Badger's Island West (BIW) wants to work on the breakwater to deal with prop swale. The question of where plowed snow will go has not yet been answered.

Our funds stand currently at \$596 remaining funds from the environmental sign grant. \$500 is our yearly budget.

Don Moore moved, Lois Marshall seconded and the motion passed unanimously that Earldean Wells should meet with the town manager to discuss options for the remaining grant funds.

The memorial plaque for Steve Hall will be paid for by the town. Ed Thompson will get the proof copy.

Lois Marshall moved to close the meeting at 6:35 pm. Don Moore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Submitted by Lois Marshall acting as secretary.