

Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting May 11, 2026

Approved.
6-8-26


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

Members Present: Adam Barss, Julie Ostopchuk, Gordon Powers and Dennis Quintal.

Members Absent: Matt Allen, Vicki Brown, Brooke Anne Petrucelli

Minutes from April 13, 2026. Gordon moved & Julie seconded to approve the minutes. Approved 4-0.

Correspondence:

1. 4-13-26 Call for Vendors: East Kingston Summer Market Sunday, Aug. 23, 10am-2pm. \$10 refundable free to residents. Contact eastkingstonfarmersmarket@gmail.com.
2. 4-14-26 Email SELT Scoop April 2026 News.
3. 4-30-26 Email notice: NHACC Trail Design Training Workshop June 19th.
4. 5-4-26 Email from Jillian Zube, a PhD student at the University of New Hampshire. She is conducting research on agrivoltaics - the co-location and shared land use of solar energy and agriculture in NH. Adam volunteered to contact her and assist.
5. 5-5-26 Email from Davis Brush, Sr. Program Manager with the Student Conservation Association Corps. He is requesting to work with them on Projects. We have no funding for this, but we can keep in mind for later this year or next.
6. 5-5-26 Email from John Petrucelli. The Planning Board is getting a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) off the ground. He attached a sample worksheet to see the kind of information they are looking for. No need to fill it out and return it. He will be reaching out to each individually to set up a brief meeting or call so we can go through it together. In the meantime, start thinking about any larger purchases or projects your department might be looking at over the next six years. Things like vehicles, equipment, building repairs, or road work, generally \$10,000 or more. Nothing formal yet just a rough mental list. Keep in mind: The CIP is a planning tool only. It does not authorize any spending. We will discuss it further at our next meeting.
7. 5-8-26 Confirmation that Xavier Asbridge of IPM will schedule to treat the ash tree at the South Road Cemetery.

ACTION ITEMS from 4-13-26

1. Vicki – send text of Powwow bank restoration contractor request to all. *Completed.*
2. Litter pickup on SR 108 Haverhill Road on Friday, April 17 at 8:30am. *Done*
3. Vicki – send signed proposal to IPM for EAB treatment of the cemetery ash tree this spring. *Completed.*
4. Brooke Anne – create a flyer for the Powwow bank restoration. *Completed.*
5. All – help share / promote that bids are open for Powwow bank restoration project.
6. Gordon – send turtles article to EK Edition by 4/17 for 5/1 issue. *Completed.*
7. Turtle Crossing Signage. Thanks to Gordon, who erected all 14 signs at 7 locations in April.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Election of the EKCC chairperson position. Tabled
2. **Meeting went into Non-Public Session** re: conservation opportunity. 4-30-26 email from town admin Grace Ruelle. **Meeting came out of Non-Public Session.**
3. Bank Restoration project RFP. There were two people interested in the project and picked up copy of the plan and Bid Documents. However, there were no bidders on the project at the deadline. What's next?

4. Tilton Lane proposed 17 house lots. There was a Site Walk with the Planning Board. There were several issues disclosed during the walk. The existing condition of Tilton Lane. Adam's driveway will be severely impacted. The road design is right next to and most likely will impact a vernal pool. And other observations. The Hearing is continued to the next Planning Board meeting on May 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM.
5. Planning Board Support. Dennis has given notice to the Board at past meetings.
6. Conservation Priorities List. Ongoing.
7. Pollinator Pathways NH. Pollinator walk occurred on Sunday, 5/3 at Magnusson Field. See <https://pollinatorpathwaysnh.org/> for upcoming events.
8. 2026 EKCC programs.
 - a. Paddle the Powwow. Gordon sent request for permission to the BOS who are meeting tonight to review. The date has been set for June 27th.
 - b. Conservation Easements workshop Sept/Oct. Discuss more at our next meeting.
 - c. Invasive Plants? Tabled for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Participating in a table at EK Summer Market? Sunday, Aug. 23 from 10am-2pm.
2. We will consider ideas for future EK Edition articles.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider availability at EK Summer Market? Sunday, Aug. 23 from 10am-2pm
2. Review Capital Improvement Worksheet and discuss at our next meeting.
3. Consider what's next for the Bank Restoration Project: Funding, reach out to local contractors?
4. Gordon – to send notice of the Paddle the Powwow event as an article to next EK Edition.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2026

Time Adjourned: 6:07 pm

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis G. Quintal

