

# Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting April 13, 2026

APPROVED  
5-11-26  


The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:03 pm

Members Present: Adam Barss, Vicki Brown, Julie Ostopchuk, Brooke Anne Petrucelli, Gordon Powers and Dennis Quintal.

Members Absent: Matt Allen

Guest: Kaitlin Deyo, SELT from 5pm – 5:40pm

Minutes from February 9, 2026. Julie moved & Gordon seconded to approve the minutes. Approved 4-2 (4 approved, 2 abstained due to previous absence).

## Correspondence:

1. 2-10-26 announcement from Lynn Vaccaro of plans to launch a new workshop series in the spring of 2027 and a comprehensive technical assistance program focused on buffer protection. Summary: <https://greatbay.org/assessing-the-interests-and-priorities-of-coastal-conservation-commissions/>
2. 3-10-25 email with SELT's Kaitlin Deyo to confirm East Kingston's conservation warrant article. It states it's for "... the acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands by the Town, all for permanent protection"
3. 3-18-26 proposal from IPM of NH's Xavier Ashbridge to treat the ash tree in the South Rd. Cemetery for Emerald Ash Borer.
4. 3-30-26 new communications toolkit about stormwater management from PREPA at <https://7rivers2coast.org/a-free-stormwater-communications-toolkit-for-your-community/>. It was created to talk about stormwater in a clear and engaging way.
5. 4-3-26 email follow-up on Rocking CC Roundtable from UNHCE's Sara Callaghan
6. 4-3-26 Newmarket Turtle Fest Sat., May 9: <https://www.newmarketnh.gov/581/TURTLEFEST-2026>

## ACTION ITEMS from 2-9-26

1. Gordon – submit article on wildlife corridors in town to EK Edition. *Completed.*
2. Gordon – respond to NHDES request for info on East Kingston's town forest. *Completed.*
3. Brooke Anne – follow-up on idea for residents to sponsor litter pickup on their own roads and be recognized via sponsor recognition signs similar to the NH DOT Adopt-a-Highway program (see <https://www.dot.nh.gov/projects-plans-and-programs/programs/sponsor-highway>). *Completed.*
4. Brooke Anne - Tax map question from SELT's Kaitlin Deyo re: history & ownership of a parcel of land. *Pending Vicki's debrief. Cancelled.*
5. Vicki – brief Brooke Anne on tax map question. *Cancelled.*
6. Dennis – discuss potential EKCC support of the Land Use chapter for the East Kingston Master Plan at the next EK Planning Board meeting on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026.
7. Vicki – secure proposal(s) for EAB treatment of the large ash tree in the South Rd. cemetery. *Proposal requested and received.*

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tax map question from SELT's Kaitlin Deyo re: history & ownership of a parcel of land. *Tabled.*
2. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) treatment. Proposal is \$420+10 gas surcharge = \$430. Julie moved and Adam seconded that we move forward with the proposal for \$430. Vicki will return signed proposal vendor.
3. Conservation Priorities List. Ongoing.

4. Bank Restoration Project funding. 2026-2027 PREPA grant applications are due June 16 by 4pm. ARM? Moose Grant?
5. Bank Restoration project RFP. Plans will be available for viewing at the Select Board's office on April 15. Plans are also available for purchase for \$15. Pre-conference tour of the grounds will be Weds April 23 at 9am. Sealed bids will be received by 2pm Thursday May 7. If funds are available, then Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> is the start date. Since our NHDES permit expires after September 9, 2026, we need to request an extension prior to that date.
6. Planning Board Support. Ongoing.
7. Pollinator Pathways NH. See <https://pollinatorpathwaysnh.org/> for resources and upcoming events.
8. 2026 EKCC programs.
  - a) Paddle the Powwow. Possibly Saturday, June 27 from 10am-2pm. (Sunday June 28 as rain date), pending availability of Powwow Pond Council. Thanks to Gordon for organizing and promoting this popular annual program.
  - b) Conservation Easements Sept/Oct. unless another commission holds a program
  - c) Invasive Plants. TBD/taled for now

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Non-public session with SELT's Kaitlin Deyo.
2. EKCC Chairperson election. Discussion tabled.
3. Litter Pick-up. Friday, April 17 from 8:30am-10am (Rain Date Friday April 24).
4. Turtle Crossing Signs. Gordon volunteered to put out signs the week of April 20.
5. Rocking CC Roundtable includes representatives from Brentwood, East Kingston, Epping, Fremont, Kensington, Kingston Newton and Plaistow. Brooke Anne and Vicki attended the first meeting on 3/26. Next meeting is virtual, on Thursday June 25, 5:30-7:00
6. EK Edition article. Gordon will submit an article about turtles.
7. Expense reimbursement for \$215.80 approved for Vicki Brown for Eagle-Tribune ads from the EKCC Budget-- public notice about contractors and bids needed for Powwow bank restoration project.
8. Tilton Lane cluster proposal. We discussed conservation concerns for this 17-house developent going before the East Kingston Planning Board.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Vicki – send text of Powwow bank restoration contractor request to all. *Completed.*
2. All – meet at Town office for Litter pickup on SR 108 on Friday, April 17 at 8:30am (Rain Date Friday April 24).
3. Vicki – send signed proposal to IPM for EAB treatment of the cemetery ash tree this spring..
4. Brooke Anne – create a flyer for the Powwow bank restoration..
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.
7. Gordon – coordinate and promote Paddle the Powwow program.

**Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2026**

Time Adjourned: 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis G. Quintal

