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"Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air."
– Ralph Waldo Emerson



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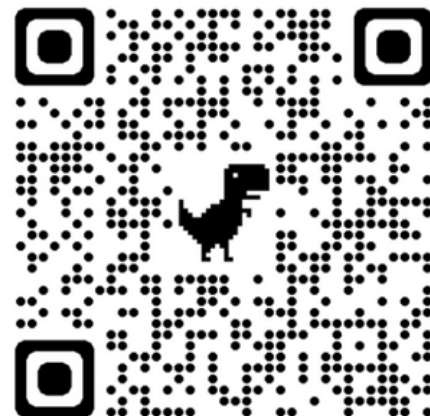
by East Kingston Conservation Commission

The East Kingston Natural Resources Inventory report answers such questions as:

1. How much of East Kingston is conserved land?
2. Where are the wildlife corridors in town?
3. What areas have regionally or state-significant wildlife habitat?

Find the report, town maps and conservation resources via documents and links on our website.

Residents with questions, comments and /or interest in serving on the East Kingston Conservation Commission are encouraged to contact us at EKconservation@gmail.com.



CONSERVATION RESOURCES

Town of East Kingston Solid Waste Removal & Recycle Committee Members Wanted

by Ron Morales, Chair

The East Kingston Solid Waste Removal & Recycle Committee is seeking interested town residents to serve as members on the Solid Waste Removal & Recycle Committee. The Solid Waste Removal & Recycle Committee meets on a quarterly basis to review the past quarters performance metrics and to review action items for the upcoming quarter. . Experience is not required, but an understanding Microsoft Office is a plus.

Any person interested in serving should submit a letter of interest as follows:

Ron Morales, Chairman
East Kingston Solid Waste Removal & Recycle Committee
24 Depot Road
East Kingston, NH 03827
Alternatively, email to rmorales@EASTKINGSTONNH.GOV

Town of East Kingston Trustee of Trust Funds

by Ron Morales, Trustee

ALTERNATE MEMBERS WANTED

The East Kingston Trustee of Trust Funds is seeking interested town residents to serve as alternate members on the Trustee of Trust Funds. Alternate members will participate as voting members when a regular member is absent or unable to serve on any matter. Alternate members are encouraged to attend all meetings to keep themselves informed and to familiarize themselves with Trustee procedures; however, this is not required.

The Trustee of Trust Funds meets as required to act on requests for funds from the Capital Reserve and Capital Trust Funds and any other matters that come before the Trustees. Experience is not required, but an understanding of investments is desirable.

Any person interested in serving should submit a letter of interest as follows:

Ron Morales, Trustee
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24 Depot Road
East Kingston, NH 03827
Alternatively, email to rmorales@EASTKINGSTONNH.GOV

East Kingston Edition

Town of East Kingston
www.eknh.org

Town Clerk & Tax Collector

(603) 642-8794
Monday: 8am - 5pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
8am - 2:30pm
Wednesday: 5pm - 7pm

Town Administration

(603) 642-8406
Monday: 8am - 4pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
8am - 2:30pm
Wednesday: 11am - 7pm

East Kingston Police

Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: (603) 642-5427

East Kingston Fire

ekfd.org
Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: (603) 642-3141

East Kingston Public Library

eastkingstonlibrary.org
(603) 642-8333
ekpublib@comcast.net
Monday & Wednesday:
9am - 5pm
Tuesday & Thursday:
11am - 7pm
Friday & Saturday:
9am - 1pm

E. Kingston Elementary School

(603) 642-3511
EKES on the web: eks.sau16.org
SAU16 on the web: sau16.org

Newsletter Deadlines

Submissions for the following month must be submitted by the 17th of each month. Send submissions to newsletter@eastkingstonnh.gov

Please be aware that the pandemic may affect normal business hours. It may be best to call before attempting a visit.

EKES School Board Update

by Andy Herum, EKES School Board Member

New STEAM Position Approved:

The East Kingston School Board voted on May 11th to create a new position that will be a combined Math Specialist and STEAM position.

- STEAM is the acronym, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics
- Combined with other changes in teaching positions and the funds already approved for the Math Specialist position, there is expected to be a reduction in the overall budget with this position.

School Board Meeting June 8th:

The next East Kingston School Board meeting will be held Wednesday June 8th at 4:00 PM in the East Kingston Elementary School Gym.

- These meetings are subject to change, please check the EKES website for any potential updates at eks.sau16.org



PLANNING BOARD
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

ALTERNATE MEMBERS WANTED

The East Kingston Planning Board and the East Kingston Zoning Board of Adjustment are seeking interested town residents to serve as alternate members on the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Alternate members will participate as voting members when a regular member is absent or unable to serve on any matter. Alternate members are encouraged to attend all meetings to keep themselves informed of current cases and to familiarize themselves with board procedure; however, this is not required.

The Planning Board meets on the third Thursday of each month to hear and act on applications for home occupations, subdivisions, site plan reviews, and other land-related matters including updating the Master Plan, zoning ordinances, and subdivision and site plan review regulations. Experience is not required as the board receives technical advice on most matters.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets on a as-needed basis and reserves the fourth Thursday of the month for their meetings. This board hears and acts on requests for special exceptions, variances, equitable waivers from dimensional requirements, and appeals from administrative decisions.

Any qualified* person interested in serving in either of these capacities should submit a letter of interest as follows:

Joshua Bath, Chairman East Kingston Planning Board 24 Depot Road East Kingston, NH 03827	OR	Tim Allen, Chairman East Kingston Zoning Board of Adjustment 24 Depot Road East Kingston, NH 03827
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Letters may also be emailed to landboardsecretary@eastkingstonnh.gov.

Inquiries about these positions may be directed to 603-642-8406 ext 4 or to the email above.

*Must reside in the town of East Kingston.

Friends of EKPL (FoEKPL) News

by FoEKPL

Greetings from the Friends of the EKPL. Hopefully, you've had a chance to visit the library recently and noticed the lovely landscaping. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped out at the Spring Clean-Up day.

This month, as you prepare for the summer break, the FoEKPL would like to remind you that the funds raised from generous supporters help fund many library programs including the Summer Reading Program and the offering of free or discounted admission to several area museums and attractions. Currently, passes are available for the American Independence Museum, the Currier Museum of Art, The Museum of Fine Arts, The Museum of Science, the Peabody Essex Museum, the Seacoast Science Center, Strawberry Banke and The Trustees. Check out the EKPL Museum Passes webpage for details.



If your summer plans include reading a new book or two (or more), make plans to stop by the **Used Book Store (UBS) at the Pound School**. The UBS is open Fridays 10-5 and Saturdays 10-1. During June, all Young Adult, Non-fiction and Science-fiction books are half price and romance novels are 5/\$1. Mark your calendars for July 30th, the next UBS Fifth Saturday event, when the shop will offer extended hours and special displays and books for kids. Also, keep your eye out for the new FoEKPL drawstring book bags which will be available for purchase in a variety of colors - perfect for organizing summer reading and craft projects for kids and adults alike!

As always, thank you for your support! Please follow our new FaceBook Page "Friends of East Kingston Public Library", visit our webpage or email us at friendsofekpl@gmail.com for more information.

Gratitude from the Library

by Tracy Waldron, Library Director

In May, Zoe and I travelled to the New Hampshire Library Trustee Association (NHLTA) conference in Concord. We tagged along with many of the library Trustees that sit on the board here in East Kingston. Now I know it is confusing sometimes to know the structure of the library; sometimes in a small town it is hard to understand who does what.. Do the Selectmen make the decisions?...what about the Friends of the Library?

New Hampshire libraries are not town departments subject to jurisdiction and review by the select board. The Board of Trustees are the sole governing body of the library, and is made up of five (5) members and up to three (3) alternates. Every year in March, you vote for one or more Library Trustees to take the vacant spot. The Board of Trustees are “entrusted” with the running of the library. They meet once a month to review financial reports, directors reports and make important decisions about the library. There is a Treasurer who oversees finances and prepares monthly reports and well as dealing with the yearly audit. The secretary is responsible for the monthly meeting minutes and the Chairperson is responsible for communicating about and the running of the monthly meeting. To vote on anything, a quorum must be present.

In this era of overly busy lives, the Trustees devote time and energy to their community. They receive no stipend, so they volunteer their time to keep the library running smoothly. I wanted to use my section of the newsletter this month to thank them. It is not an easy job and they take it seriously. They were willing to spend a day at a conference to learn better how to do their jobs. I appreciate them greatly.



Town Clerk/Tax Collector News

by Barbara Clark, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

2022 1st half property tax bills were mailed on Monday, May 16, 2022. The due date is July 1, 2022. Impending lien notices for outstanding 2021 property taxes were mailed on Monday, May 16, 2022. The lien date is scheduled for June 17, 2022.

As of this date, we still have over 150 unlicensed dogs. Late fees will begin in June as well as civil forfeiture fines. Dogs were due to be licensed by the end of April. Please license your dog(s) to avoid additional fees. If you no longer own the dog, could you please let us know.

We are now accepting credit cards in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector office. We will be adding this service as well to our online renewal program in the next few weeks.

Reminder: NH voters only have until May 31, 2022 to change their party affiliation before the State Primary Election. To change your affiliation, contact our office or attend a scheduled meeting of your local supervisors of the checklist. If you do not know which party you are registered under, look it up on <https://app.sos.nh.gov/voterinformation> or check with our office.

Protect Your Land: Preserve your Legacy Panel Discussion and Q&A on Thursday, June 9 at 7pm

by Vicki J. Brown, East Kingston Conservation Commission

Whether you're a longtime resident or just moved here recently, you likely value East Kingston's rural character and open space.

Join your neighbors and other residents for a panel discussion and Q&A – "Protect Your Land: Preserve Your Legacy" -- on Thursday, June 9 at 7pm at the East Kingston Public Library.

Panelists are conservation easement holders and experts, including:

- **Hal Bodwell**, a former dairy farmer and conservation easement owner who has conservation easements in both East Kingston and Kensington
- **Duane Hyde**, Land Conservation Director at Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire (SELT), which has conserved tens of thousands of acres, including Bodwell Farm and Monahan Farm.

As an attendee and participant, you will...

1. See a bird's eye view of our town, including unique natural features that make East Kingston so special
2. Hear how Hal Bodwell and his family conserved their land
3. Learn about the process for and benefits of a conservation easement.

Following panelists' opening remarks, the majority of the program will be an interactive discussion and Q&A. Bring your questions!

Masks will be required.

Land Protection Benefits



EKPL SUMMER READING PROGRAM

by Zoe Sucu, Library Staff

Our Summer Reading Program, Oceans of Possibilities, starts on June 20th!

Our Kick Off party will go from 10am to 12pm on Monday, June 20th. We're calling it our Pirate Party! If you can't make it on Monday, no worries! You can sign up at ANY point throughout the summer.

We've got so much in store this year. You can view it all online at our website www.eastkingstonlibrary.org or stop in to the library and find all the information at the summer reading display. As always, if you have any questions, just ask! You can call, email, instant message or send snail mail. We're here to help!

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the East Kingston Public Library. Without them, we wouldn't be able to do half of all the events we have in store. Thanks Friends!

Summer Reading 2022

@ the East Kingston
Public Library



The East Kingston Public Library presents the Oceans of Possibilities for our summer reading theme this year! We're so excited to dive deep into the depths of all things ocean. The program runs from **June 20th through August 13th**. Summer Reading is for students of all ages, as well as some added events for families and adults. We hope you will join us for under the sea themed crafts, story times, special guests, field trips, and so much more! Visit the Library (47 Maplevale Road, in East Kingston) or our website www.eastkingstonlibrary.org for more information!



Kick Off



June 20th 10am - 2pm

Help us Kick Off our Summer Reading Program at our Pirate Party! The Kick Off is drop in between 10am and 12pm. You will be able to **register for summer reading**, receive a whole bag of goodies, play games, and more! You'll be able to learn about all the activities we have planned for this summer and sign up for the ones that interest you the most! If you dress up like a pirate, you will receive an extra raffle ticket towards the finale prizes.



Read for Prizes



When you register for summer reading, you will receive a reading tracker. If you keep track of how many hours you read, and turn in the tracker when you've completed it, you'll receive a raffle ticket to add to our prize raffle. You can also earn tickets simply by coming to the library! You get one ticket for visiting the library and another for taking part in one of the library programs. The more tickets you earn, the more chances you'll have of winning one of the big prizes!



Special Events



Here's a sneak peek at just SOME of our special events!

- Meet Nile, the life-sized humpback whale!
- Family Night at Tricklin Falls
- Handle live shellfish with the Seacoast Science Center
- Trivia night
- Weekly take and makes
- Both Indoor and Outdoor Story Hour
- and so much more!



Important Dates

- **June 8th @ 4:00pm - East Kingston School Board**
 - In Person with Zoom Option. Meeting are held at the East Kingston Elementary School. More information can be found at www.eks.sau16.org.
- **June 13th @ 5:00pm - East Kingston Conservation Commission**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the Town Offices. More information can be found at www.eknh.org/conservation-commission.
- **June 13th @ 6:30pm - Selectmen's Meeting**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the Town offices. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found on eknh.org/selectmen.
- **June 16th @ 7:00pm - Planning Board**
 - In Person. Meetings are held at the Pound School. More information can be found at www.eknh.org/planning-board.
- **June 27th @ 5pm - East Kingston Public Library Board of Trustees**
 - In Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the EK Public Library. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found at www.eastkingstonlibrary.org.
- **June 27th @ 6:30pm - Selectmen's Meeting**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the Town offices. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found on eknh.org/selectmen.