**Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission**

 **Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday February 10, 2016**

**Location:** Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG), Auburn, Maine

**Time:** Meeting began at 3:30 PM

**Commissioners Present:**  Joe Grube, Dick Thibodeau, Lee Upton, Dave Jones, Bethel Shields, Michael Lachance, Steve French

**Commissioners Absent:** John Bonneau, Robert Thompson

**Others Present:** Lynne Richard,Michael Broadbent, Sid Hazelton, Kevin Gagne, Heather Hunter and members of the public

Commissioner Grube called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM

**Agenda Item 1: Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 5, 2015**

**Vote 1– Motion by Commissioner Jones , seconded by Commissioner Thibodeau to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 11/5/15 and place on file.**

 **The following correction needs to be made: Agenda Item 9 - the date of the February meeting needs to be changed from 2/16 to 2/10.**

**Passed 5 - 1**

**Agenda Item 2: Financial Update-**  *Heather Hunter*

Heather passed out the Draft 2015 budget and reported that the Audit is scheduled to start on February, 16th. Heather reported that the overall budget is on a positive trend. There was a surplus in funds for engineering services and source protection which will be rolled into next year.

Heather explained the surplus funds were related to engineering services set aside for 319 Grant work. In addition, we had funds not utilized for divers in the removal of milfoil.

**Vote 2 - Motion by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the 2016 Budget as presented.**

**Passed 7 - 0**

**Agenda Item 3: Water Quality Update & Activity Report-**  *Sid Hazelton*

It has been a warm winter thus far which is not encouraging for water quality. In the month of December the temperature of the lake actually increased.

The Androscoggin Land Trust has completed the easement report of all of the Commission’s property. The report indicates we have issues with a couple of properties. Letters have been sent to all properties except for one, the Roy property. This property has an encroachment of a golf course within the conservation easement.

Two weeks ago we investigated a farm off the west Auburn Rd that had a manure pile near the road. The homeowners were educated and agreed to move the piles.

Steve French asked about the algaecide permit. He wanted to make sure that it is in place in the event there is a bloom. Training will be conducted to ensure staff is prepared for an event. The algaecide permit will be up for renewal in 2017.

Sid reported that there is a forestry harvest going on in the watershed. Our forester, Chip Love, has reviewed the work and we will continue to monitor the activity.

**Agenda Item 4: Education & Outreach Update –** *Lynne Richard*

Lynne reported that there is lots of education and outreach occurring. She participated in the MWUA Hall of Flags event. She was able to meet with several members of the legislature and help them understand what we do.

Lynne has presented a draft of the Lands Management Plan. She has done as much as she can to prepare the plan for the Commission to review. Lynne passed out copies to the Commissioners and has suggested that we plan a workshop to go over all of the comments and suggestions.

**Agenda Item 5: Open Session – Public Comments**

Tizz Crowley thanked Lynne for the stakeholders meeting. Tizz felt that the meeting was a success. Tizz again urged the Commissioners to move the meetings to a more central location where they can be recorded for the public to view at a later time.

**Agenda Item 6: Summer Street Extension-***Sid Hazelton*

Sid showed a map of Summer Street to the Commissioners. The City is looking to re-construct the road as the Maine Department of Transportation has not kept it up and has transferred ownership of the road to the City of Auburn. The City of Auburn held a public hearing to discuss with residents the future of the road. The City is proposing to make the road a one-way street for outgoing traffic. The City will re-construct an 11’ road with an extended shoulder for recreation.

To accommodate a homeowner that lives on the corner of Summer Street and Young’s Corner Road, the City has asked if they could have a portion of the Commissions property to accommodate the construction of a new entrance point.

The Commissioners agreed to give the property to the City as long as the City paid for the Transfer of Ownership and cover the closing costs.

**Agenda Item 7: Update on East Auburn Route 4 Access Study-***Sid Hazelton*

Sid attended a staff meeting January 7th to discuss the reconstruction of Route 4 from Turner Street out to Lake Shore Drive. Their focus is now on fixing the Turner Street intersection and how it can be made safer. Sid reported that MDOT has acknowledged our desire to do away with the Route 4 Turn Out and they have drawn a conceptual design with its removal.

Sid also pushed to see the drainage from Route 4 to drain back to the outfall of the lake. Currently all of the catch basins from Route 4 dump directly into the lake.

Kevin Gagne discussed the sediment study conducted by UMO. Dr. Norton has given us a proposal to take sediment samples in the lake in the deep hole area.

**Vote 3 - Motion by Commissioner Thibodeau, seconded by Commissioner French to fund collecting sediment samples from the deep hole of Lake Auburn for analysis by UMO. This work should not exceed $25,000.**

**Passed 7 - 0**

**Agenda Item 8: Adjourn Meeting**

It was noted that this was Lee Upton’s last meeting. He was thanked by the Commissioners for his service.

There will be a replacement for Lee’s position assigned once a new Trustee has been appointed to the Auburn Water District. At that time we will also have the election of officers.

**Vote 4 - Motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Shields to adjourn the meeting.**

**Passed 7 - 0**

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM**

A true record, Attest:

Michael Broadbent,

Secretary of the LAWPC