

# Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission

## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday February 8, 2017**

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

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

**Commissioners Present:** Steve French, Joe Grube, Dick Thibodeau, John Bonneau, Bethel Shields, Tizz Crowley, Robert Thompson, Dave Jones

**Commissioners Absent:** Michael Lachance,

**Others Present:** Lynne Richard, Kevin Gagne, Sid Hazelton, Mary Jane Dillingham, K.C. Geiger, Michael Broadbent and Dan Bilodeau

Commissioner Grube called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM

### **Agenda Item 1: Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 9, 2016**

**Vote 1– Motion by Commissioner Crowley and seconded by Commissioner Jones to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 11/9/2016, pending several typo corrections.**

**Passed 7-0, Commissioner Bonneau had not arrived yet.**

### **Agenda Item 2: Quarterly Financial Update – Heather Hunter**

Heather reported that the financial reports she provided the Commissioners are the year end reports for 2016. So far in 2017 there has not been any financial activity other than paying routine bills. Heather reported that we ended 2016 in good shape and that the year end audit is scheduled for the last week in February. There was a surplus in the sinking fund and the operations side of the budget.

**Vote 2- Motion by Commissioner Shields and seconded by Commissioner Jones to accept the financial reports as presented.**

**Passed 8-0**

### **Agenda Item 3: Water Quality Update and Activity Report – Sid Hazelton**

Sid presented the Commissioners with a report prepared by Mary Jane Dillingham. Sid reported that the Maine Association of Site Evaluators is holding a Conference at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston on February 28, 2017. The Association has asked Sid to present on Watershed Protection and the Commission's efforts around Lake Auburn.

Sid then presented the Commissioners with several water quality graphs showing Lake Elevations, Turbidity, Cyanophyta, Algae counts, Phosphorus and Ice on/off. All graphs showed favorable trends except for the Ice on/off which depicted that the lake is not staying covered with ice as long as usual.

Sid also reported that the core samples of the sediment are now being analyzed. There is a team of experts from Bates College and the University of Maine at Orono, among others.

**Vote 3- Motion by Commissioner Bonneau and seconded by Commissioner Crowley to accept the Water Quality Report as presented.**

**Passed 8-0**

### **Agenda Item 4: Education and Outreach Update– Lynne Richard**

Lynne went over a report she provided the Commissioners. This is her busy time of year and she reported that she is participating in lessons in every school within the watershed. She is in the middle of trout physiology lessons. The trout should be ready in about a month.

Lynne also reported that the newsletter was done and that it was sent out. Several Commissioners commented on the high quality of the newsletter and thanked Lynne.

Lynne has been working with Gammon Landscape regarding their overflow pond. They made some improvements to the pond berm and are eligible for reimbursement up to 60%.

**Vote 4- Motion by Commissioner Bonneau and seconded by Commissioner Jones to accept the Education and Outreach report as presented**

**Passed 8-0**

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

Dan Bilodeau was at the meeting to represent the Perkins Ridge Snow Goers. Dan wanted to discuss the signage along the Spring Road. He felt it would be nice to add a sign depicting the old Hotel and Spring House. Dan also commented that it would be a good idea to add speed limit signs throughout the trails on the Spring Road.

Dan reported that he connected the trail from Hersey Hill to George Buker's land (Link Trail). Dan reported that in order to open the trail a 6-7" tree had to be removed. The Commissioners wanted Dan to remind the other groomers that tree removal requires permission.

**Agenda Item 6: Potential Land Purchase – Executive Session regarding negotiations of potential land transaction in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (C).**

**Vote 5- Motion by Commissioner Crowley and seconded by Commissioner Shields to go into Executive Session regarding negotiations of potential land transaction in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (C).**

**Passed 8-0**

**Vote 6- Motion by Commissioner Crowley and seconded by Commissioner Bonneau to come out of Executive Session.**

**Passed 8-0**

**Vote 7- Motion by Commissioner Bonneau and seconded by Commissioner Shields to adjourn the meeting.**

**Passed 8-0**

A true record, attest;



Michael Broadbent

Secretary of the LAWPC

