

Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission

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Wednesday, February 08, 2023 at 3:00 pm – 5:00pm AVCOG, 125 Manley Rd, Auburn, Maine

AGENDA

1. Minutes
 - a. December 7, 2022
 - b. January 10, 2023
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Education Outreach Report – Carolyn Houtz
 - b. Statement of Revenues and Expenditures – Tracy Roy
3. Public Comment
4. Staff Report
 - a. Mike Broadbent
 - i. East Auburn Damn
 - ii. Review of new farming permits
 - iii. Information regarding Gracelawn Gravel Pit
5. Old Business
 - a. Discussion of possible recommendations to AWD for protection of the Lake Auburn Watershed – Review and possible adoption
6. New Business
 - a. Discussion of creating an ad-hoc committee to create and present draft by laws to the LAWPC Board
 - b. Discussion of creating an ad-hoc committee to create and present a plan for further develop of the Southern Link Trail to the LAWPC Board
 - c. Discussion of possible request to Auburn Water District, City of Lewiston, and Town of Turner to amend the Interlocal Agreement changing the Minot, Hebron, and Buckfield appointment to LAWPC to a multi-year appointment instead of a one-year appointment
 - d. Discussion of proposed farm plan at 833 Summer Street
 - e. Possible action based on Staff Report
 - i. East Auburn Damn
 - ii. Staff review of new farming permits
 - iii. Gracelawn Gravel Pit
 - f. Items for future agendas
 - i. Discussion of using easements or deed restrictions to further protect lands owned by LAWPC within the watershed.
7. Executive Sessions
 - a. Possible executive session pursuant to 1 M.S.R.A §405 6c: Discussion or consideration of the condition, acquisition or the use of real or personal property permanently attached to real property or interests therein or disposition of publicly held property or economic development only if premature disclosures of the information would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the body or agency.
8. Election of Officers
9. Adjournment

Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

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

Time: Meeting began at 3:31 PM

Recording: The meeting was video recorded. A link to the video is on the Commission website.

Commissioners Present: Evan Cyr, Alan Holbrook, Mary Ann Brenchick, Amy Landry, Dan Bilodeau, Glen Holmes, Rick Lachapelle and Camille Parrish

Commissioners Absent: Dan Dube,

Others Present: Michael Broadbent Commission Secretary

Agenda Item 1: Approve the Minutes of the regular Commission meeting held, 11/9/2022

Vote 1 On a motion by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Parrish to approve the minutes as presented.

Passed 8-0

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment No discussion at this time

Agenda Item 3: Staff Report No discussion

Agenda Item 4: Old Business

A. CEI draft peer review of FB Environmental Study

Rebecca Balke was present via zoom and she gave an overview of the final draft of the CEI Report. CEI was tasked with reviewing the FB Environmental Associates; *A Regulatory, Environmental and Economic Analysis of Water Supply Protection in Auburn, Maine* dated October 2021 and the FB environmental supplemental *Lake Auburn Model Technical Memo*, dated August 2022 and the Staff Comments memo submitted by Sid Hazelton of the Auburn Water District.

Public Comment- Steven Beal, a resident of Auburn asked if the report will be placed on the Commission website. Commissioner Cyr responded “yes”. Mr. Beal also asked what the Commission planned to do with the information in this report. Commissioner Cyr replied that the Commissioners will convene and take action as necessary. Pam Rousseau, a resident of Auburn inquired about the discussions at the City Council level that private systems will have to

show proof that the systems get pumped at least every 5 years. Mrs. Rousseau asked if that was acceptable or should raised systems be inspected more frequently. This question was not specifically addressed in the meeting.

Commissioner Cyr asked the Commissioners how they wish to proceed now that they are in receipt of the CEI Report. Consensus was to make recommendations to the Auburn Water District to consider the recommendations made in the CEI Report. The Commissioners compiled the recommendations of the CEI Report along with other watershed concerns. The Commissioners would like to discuss these recommendations further at a workshop in January.

Vote 2 On a motion by Commissioner Lachapelle and seconded by Commissioner Holbrook to have the Chair and Vice-Chair draft a letter to be sent back to all Commissioners for review and then sent to the Auburn Planning Board stating that the Commission does not support any ordinance change that creates an increase in density within the Watershed.

Pass 8-0

Vote 3 On a motion by Commissioner Landry and seconded by Commissioner Holbrook to have the Chair and Vice-Chair draft a letter to be sent back to all Commissioners for review and then sent to the Auburn City Council recommending that no more residential or commercial development be allowed in the AG Zone within the Watershed.

Pass 8-0

The Commissioners agreed to have a workshop in January, 2023 to discuss recommendations to be made to the Auburn Water District. It was decided to have the meeting January 10, 2023 at 3:00pm.

Vote 4 On a motion by Commissioner Lachapelle and seconded by Commissioner Parrish to adjourn the meeting.

Pass 8-0

A true record, attest;



Michael Broadbent
LAWPC Secretary

Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission

Workshop Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

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

Time: Meeting began at 3:31 PM

Recording: The meeting was video recorded. A link to the video is on the Commission website.

Commissioners Present: Evan Cyr, Alan Holbrook, Mary Ann Brenchick, Amy Landry, Dan Bilodeau, Glen Holmes, Rick Lachapelle and Camille Parrish

Commissioners Absent: Dan Dube

Others Present: Michael Broadbent Commission Secretary, Carolyn Houtz Education and Outreach Coordinator, Tracy Roy Commission Treasurer

Agenda Item 1: Minutes No discussion

Agenda Item 2: Consent Agenda No discussion

Agenda Item 3 : Public Comment

Steven Beal inquired of Commission Secretary Mike Broadbent if the Auburn Water District or the Lewiston Water Division had heard back from the Maine Drinking Water Program on the inspection of the Gracelawn pit. Mr. Broadbent said the inspection did occur on December 14th and we were waiting for the response. Once received the response will be shared with the Commission.

Agenda Item 4: Staff Report

Mike Broadbent reported that the East Auburn Dam on Lake Auburn received 2 inspections in 2022. A report was sent with action items based on the inspection of the Dam. There are several items that need to be addressed in order to bring the Dam within compliance.

Mike Broadbent reported that he was notified of three livestock requests within the Watershed. Mike has reached out to the City for more information and will bring those requests forward to the Commission for review.

Agenda Item 5: Old Business

- a. None

Agenda Item 6: New Business

a) Discussion of possible recommendations to AWD for protection of Lake Auburn Watershed.

Commissioner Cyr had made a list of items to recommend for action to the Auburn Water District. The Commissioners went over these items one at a time and the Commissioners discussed as needed.

There was consensus that Evan will finalize a draft letter to be on the Agenda for the Commission's February meeting. At that time the Commissioners can review the letter and decide when and who to send it to.

b) Recommendations to Auburn City Council.

Commissioner Cyr reported that at the December meeting he was mistaken on whether or not the Planning Board had made a recommendation to the City Council. The Commission voted to send a letter of support on the recommendation, but in fact, a recommendation was never sent. Commissioner Cyr asked how the Commissioners wanted to proceed. He recommended changing the language slightly

Vote 1 On a motion by Commissioner Lachapelle and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to amend the original letter so that it is directed at the Auburn Planning Board and includes all of the language agreed upon at the December Commission meeting.

Pass 8-0

c) Items for Future agendas.

Agenda Item 7: Adjournment

Vote 2 On a motion by Commissioner Lachapelle and seconded Commissioner Brenchick to adjourn the meeting.

Passed 8-0

A true record, attest;



Michael Broadbent
LAWPC Secretary

Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission
Education and Outreach Updates 2.8.2023 Meeting

Lake Mural 11/22 - At the Auburn Public Library children got to paint trees and trout and collage them together to form a Lake Mural. Children and parents learned about the Lake Auburn Watershed and where their drinking water comes from. This program will be continued in February along with a reading of the book *Trout Are Made Of Trees* by April Sayre.

AVEC Tour 12/9 - The AVEC group visited the Treatment Plant and participated in a presentation about the Lake Auburn Watershed and the importance and science behind conservation. Afterwards there was a brainstorming session to create an outline for their stewardship project.

Lake Auburn Watershed Calendar – The first annual Lake Auburn Watershed Calendar was finalized and distributed. The photos were submitted by citizens in the community and featured Lake Auburn or one of its tributaries. Contestant's whose photos were chosen were given the opportunity to take a tour of the treatment plant as a thank you for their contribution.

Newsletter 1/25 - The Lake Auburn Newsletter went out including a 2022 Education and outreach recap

Other Updates:

- We have been working with the AVEC group on a yearlong project connecting the Lake Auburn Watershed, ecology, and stewardship. Their next class will focus on creating environmental informational pamphlets to be on display on the Townsend Brook Trail. There will be a public presentation of their work and deliverables at a date TBD.

Upcoming Public Events:

- 2/15 Trout are Made of Trees: Reading and Art
- 2/22 Winter Wildlife Walk with Ben Nugent
- 2/23 Balance of Nature: Predators
- 3/20 Gardening and Watersheds
- May (TBD) Fungi Cultivation Workshop

Lake Auburn Watershed Commission Statement of Revenues & Expenditures As of 12/31/22

	Original Operating Budget	Final Operating Budget	Operating Account	Balance	Sinking Fund	YTD Combined	12/31/21 Combined
Revenues:							
Contributions - AWD	58,250.00	58,250.00	58,249.96	0.04	20,000.04	78,250.00	75,000.00
Contributions - LWD	58,250.00	58,250.00	58,250.00	-	20,000.00	78,250.00	75,000.00
Timber Harvesting	14,000.00	14,000.00	29,312.96	(15,312.96)		29,312.96	93,763.92
Gain on Sale of Assets				-		-	25,830.46
Water Withdrawal Revenue			386.70	(386.70)		386.70	4,421.45
Intergovernmental	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,250.00	(250.00)		2,250.00	2,200.00
Interest	35.00	35.00	786.40	(751.40)	1,526.01	2,312.40	1,302.57
Total Revenues	132,535.00	132,535.00	149,236.02	(16,701.02)	41,526.05	190,762.06	277,518.40
Expenditures:							
Auburn Water Department	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,945.74	54.26		5,945.74	5,191.00
Lewiston Water Division	6,000.00	6,000.00	23,636.17	(17,636.17)		23,636.17	8,991.17
Executive Administration	750.00	750.00	511.54	238.46		511.54	
Forestry	4,500.00	4,500.00	7,125.19	(2,625.19)		7,125.19	10,064.59
Outside Services	3,325.00	3,325.00	1,850.00	1,475.00		1,850.00	3,435.00
Sanitary Facilities	3,760.00	3,760.00	2,745.00	1,015.00		2,745.00	2,680.00
Source Protection	63,250.00	63,250.00	29,418.40	33,831.60	85,245.00	114,663.40	41,198.99
Repairs to Property & Equipment	6,000.00	6,000.00	4,077.26	1,922.74		4,077.26	3,252.94
Public Education	1,775.00	1,775.00	-	1,775.00		-	2,371.28
Public Ed. - Labor	27,620.00	27,620.00	24,284.33	3,335.67		24,284.33	11,902.33
Public Ed. - Supplies	800.00	800.00	899.38	(99.38)		899.38	2,035.79
Public Ed. - Events	2,000.00	2,000.00	570.81	1,429.19		570.81	189.49
Public Ed. - Outside Services	500.00	500.00	1,184.00	(684.00)		1,184.00	-
Public Ed. - Public Relations	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,852.88	(352.88)		1,852.88	498.52
Public Ed. - Miscellaneous	1,500.00	1,500.00	392.68	1,107.32		392.68	1,183.83
Liability & D&O Insurance	11,650.00	11,650.00	10,958.05	691.95		10,958.05	12,075.47
Legal	4,000.00	4,000.00	9,427.50	(5,427.50)		9,427.50	6,454.50
Audit/Financial Services	6,695.00	6,695.00	7,191.25	(496.25)		7,191.25	6,595.26
Property Taxes	4,625.00	4,625.00	3,994.73	630.27		3,994.73	4,515.20
Operational Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00	755.39	244.61		755.39	1,999.73
Depreciation/Amortization Expense			3,796.94	(3,796.94)		3,796.94	36,844.10
Miscellaneous	950.00	950.00	1,460.36	(510.36)		1,460.36	2,175.49
Total Expenditures	158,200.00	158,200.00	142,077.60	16,122.40	85,245.00	227,322.60	163,654.68
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures	(25,665.00)	(25,665.00)	7,158.41		(43,718.96)	(36,560.54)	113,863.72
Retained Earnings/Fund Balance, 1/1			2,218,418.12		3,443,929.61	5,662,347.73	5,548,484.01
Retained Earnings/Fund Balance, 12/31			2,225,576.54		3,400,210.66	5,625,787.19	5,662,347.73