

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

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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