

Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission

Special Meeting

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

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

Time: Meeting began at 3:30 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, Glen Holmes, Heather Hunter, and Camille Parrish

Others Present: Michael Broadbent Commission Secretary, Erica Kidd Watershed Manager, Carolyn Houtz Education and Outreach Coordinator.

Agenda Item 1: Presentation on Water Resource Services Proposal on managing raw water quality in or entering Lake Auburn- Kevin Gagne

Kevin Gagne gave an overview of the proposal prepared by Dr. Ken Wagner of Water Resource Services (WRS). The proposal is for review and evaluation of the current phosphorus loading on Lake Auburn to make treatment recommendations. The current issues facing Lake Auburn appear to be from external phosphorus loading. This has caused reduced clarity and increased the risk of algae blooms.

It is expected that this study will have a quick turn-around and the final report will include recommendations for treatment that could be used as early as this year.

Vote 1 On a motion by Commissioner Hunter and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to fund the study through the sinking fund for a not to exceed amount of \$47,100.

Passed 7-0

Agenda Item 2: Watershed Boundary delineation- Erica Kidd

Erica went over three watershed delineation items that relate to the watershed boundary near Gracelawn Road.

1. Erica went over the 2022 CDM Smith review of the Gracelawn Watershed Boundary, the conclusion of the review had recommendations to further determine the exact location of the boundary. Erica has requested a proposal for this work from CDM Smith.
2. Erica then went over a recently received letter from the Maine Drinking Water Program. Back in December 2022, the DWP met with Mike, Kevin, and representatives of the land owner and the City of Auburn to walk the Gracelawn pit. The DWP has recommended further data gathering and evaluation prior to considering moving the boundary as presented by CDM Smith. Erica will request a proposal to complete this works as well.

3. The owner of the gravel pit is recommending moving additional land out of the watershed. The land is on the west side of the Gracelawn pit parcel and has not previously been looked at by the consultants or the DWP. Erica will request a proposal to complete this works as well.

The hope is to have all of these proposals compiled for the April 12, 2023 Commission meeting.

Vote 2 On a motion by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Cyr to adjourn the meeting.

Passed 7-0

A true record, attest;



Michael Broadbent
LAWPC Secretary