

Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission

Special Meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

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

Time: Meeting began at 3:00 PM

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

Commissioners Present: Alan Holbrook, Amy Landry, Heather Hunter, Marry Ann Brenchick, Evan Cyr, Rick LaChapelle and Camille Parrish

Commissioners Absent: Glen Holmes and Dan Bilodeau

Others Present: Michael Broadbent Commission Secretary, Erica Kidd Watershed Manager, Tracy Roy Commission Treasurer.

Consent Agenda Item 1. Approval of Annual Financial Report

Vote 1 **On a motion by Commissioner Hunter and seconded by Commissioner LaChapelle to approve the financial report.**

Passed **6-0-0**

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment

Anjali Quinn from 121 Summer Street, stated that she was only present to learn more about the Commission.

Agenda Item 3. Old Business

a) Report from By-laws Ad-Hoc Committee

Commissioner Brenchick presented two copies of Commission by-laws. One had red comments from Commissioners and the other was a clean copy. These copies do not include a purchasing policy. Commissioner Brenchick will continue to work on that.

a) Report from Trails Ad-Hoc Committee

Commissioner Holbrook gave an update on the Southern Link Trail. The Committee has had one meeting with the City and plans to have a second to continue to work on trail development. The main question is how to address the deed and land restrictions that are currently on some of the parcels of land in this area. Mike Broadbent, Auburn Water Superintendent, reported that the initial study recommends development of engineered plans as step one of this process. This design should include measures to ensure that the water quality of Lake Auburn will not be jeopardized by trail construction or trail use.

b) Rules of Order

The Commissioners then continued the discussion on the by-laws by reading through all of the proposed laws and discussing the position descriptions that were drafted. The Commissioners were sensitive to the perception that there could be a conflict of interest having the Water Superintendents negotiating land transactions. They amended the language to say the Watershed Manager would be responsible for this rather than the Clerks.

Vote 2 On a motion by Commissioner Brenchick and seconded by Commissioner LaChapelle to approve the meeting rules with the following changes; *delete #2* under secretary position; on the third page they added the word *annually* and under Environmental Manager #5 they added *gather preliminary information regarding land transactions to bring to the board*.

Passed 7-0

c) Watershed Management Plan- Erica

Erica reported she received comments back from Commissioners and has forwarded them to CDM Smith.

d) Clerks Position

AWD Superintendent Broadbent reported that this discussion continues to be tabled at the Water District until the Commission adopts Meeting Rules and a Job Description for the Clerks position.

Agenda Item 4. New Business

a) Auburn Water District has requested Commissioner participation on a Water Quality Ad-Hoc Committee.

Commissioner Parrish explained that the charge of the Committee is to review recommendations made to the Auburn Water District. Commissioner Parrish reached out to all members. Commissioner Holbrook and LaChapelle have agreed to represent the Commission.

b) Update on CDM Smith Technical Memo

Erica reported that CDM Smith has incorporated the Commission and staff comments and that a final draft of the report is expected by the end of the week. Erica also reported that staff has met with the Maine Drinking Water Program on what they will need to review the final report and consider allowing the watershed boundary to be changed as outlined in the report. Commissioner Cyr recommended that once the Commission receives the final report, it should send official correspondence to the City of Auburn.

Stephen Beal, a member of the public, made a comment on the anticipated CDM Smith Technical report. The Commission asked CDM Smith staff if they would stand behind the DWP boundary (a dashed line shown on a watershed map). CDM reported that they would stand behind it.

c) Executive session regarding potential land transactions in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A 405(6)(C).

Vote 3 On a motion by Commissioner LaChapelle and seconded by Commissioner Brenchick to go into executive session in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A 405(6)(C).

Passed 7-0

The Commissioners came out of executive session at 4:30pm

Agenda Item 5. Adjournment

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

Passed 7-0

A true record, attest;



Michael Broadbent
LAWPC Secretary