

Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

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, Dan Bilodeau, Kevin Gagne and Camille Parrish

Commissioners Absent: David Chittim, two current vacancies

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

Agenda Item 1, Minutes

Vote 1 **On a Motion by Commissioner Gagne and seconded by Commissioner Bilodeau to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024 Commission Meeting.**

Passed **5-0**

Agenda Item 2, Consent Agenda

Vote 2 **On a motion by Commissioner Gagne and seconded by Commissioner Landry to approve the Consent Agenda**

Agenda Item 3, LAWPC Legal Representation

Grady Burns and Amy Dietrich from Skelton Taintor and Abbott were present at the meeting to make introductions to the Commissioners and to affirm their interest and ability to continue to serve as legal counsel to the Commission.

Agenda Item 4, Public Comment

Stephen Beal of 575 Johnson Road spoke regarding the City of Auburn's progress on ordinance revisions that will affect the Lake Auburn Watershed.

Agenda Item 5, Water Quality Update-*Erica Kidd*

Erica reported that the lake is doing well, clarity is good and phosphorus levels in the lake are at a healthy level. Erica reported that the City of Auburn is in the process of adopting new

watershed ordinances. This includes text amendments regarding septic standards, new setback requirements and a number of additional changes that protect Lake Auburn.

Erica gave an update on the progress of the retention pond repairs at Wilson Bluffs. Fortin Construction has completed most of the repairs however the pond still needs to be cleaned and now there is an access issue to the site. Fortin suggested establishing a path for future and current access. They also need to correct some erosion that occurred directly behind the new home that was built last Fall.

Agenda Item 6, Clerk and Staff Reports

Mike Broadbent Commission Clerk reported that the Auburn Water District has two Commission appointments to make in July one of those positions being a Trustee seat on the Commission.

Agenda Item 7, Old Business

No discussion

Agenda Item 8, New Business

The Auburn Water District was awarded a Municipal Partnership Grant from the Maine Department of Transportation. This Grant is for 50% of the total project cost of up to \$1,500,000 dollars to replace the culvert and to make roadway repairs on Lakeshore Drive in Auburn. AWD has agreed to fund half of the Matching Fund if Lewiston will also partner on the project. Lewiston is in the process of getting this considered for approval.

Agenda Item 9, Other Business

The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2024. Commissioners have August 14 reserved if the need arises for a special meeting before September.

Agenda Item 10, Adjourn Meeting

Vote 3 On a motion by Commissioner Gagne and seconded by Commissioner Landry to adjourn the meeting.

Passed 5-0

A true record, attest;

Amy Landry

LAWPC Secretary

