

Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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

Time: The meeting was called to order by Camille Parrish at 3:00 pm.

Recording: This meeting was recorded. The video will be available on the Commission's YouTube channel.

Commissioners Present: Alan Holbrook, Amy Landry, Kevin Gagne, Evan Cyr, Bruce Damon, Bruce Rioux, David Chittim and Camille Parrish.

Commissioners Absent: There is a current vacancy for a representative for the towns of Minot, Hebron, and Buckfield.

Others Present: Michael Broadbent (Commission Clerk), Erica Kidd (Commission Clerk), Danielle Olsen (Watershed Manager), Pheobe Hopkins (Education and Outreach Coordinator), and Tracy Roy (Treasurer).

Agenda Item 1, Consent Agenda

Vote 1: On the motion of Commissioner Chittim, seconded by Commissioner Gagne, there was a vote to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Passed: 8-0

Agenda Item 2, Public Comment

Steven Beale, 575 Johnson Hill Road. Mr. Beale raised the prospect of more septic haulers obtaining certification for system inspections. Mr. Beale asked for updates on the status of year two septic inspections and the current status of the inspection at the Jayne Mobil' Home Park.

Agenda Item 3, Watershed Report

Watershed Manager, Danielle Olsen- Danielle reported that the water elevation in Lake Auburn has remained and we continue to experience drought conditions. Ice-on of Lake Auburn was officially called on December 22nd, 2025. Prior to ice-on, staff reported elevated algae counts, this will be monitored closely. Lily Gallagher, our Shore Core Steward, has left the program to pursue

full time position locally. We've selected another Steward, her first day will be January 20th. The City of Auburn is updating its comprehensive plan. If commissioners are interested in the updates or reviewing correspondence they can visit the City's website. Year one septic inspections, Danielle reported that eleven of the fifty-five required inspections are complete. Year 2, thirty of the sixty-six required inspections are now complete. Staff attributes the hire completion rates to increase interactions and communication with residents. Year 3 inspections will begin in July, 2026. Some correspondence has already gone out to the effected residence.

Agenda Item 4, Clerk Reports

Auburn Co-Clerk, Michael Broadbent- Mike reported that the Diver Assisted Suction Harvester Boat was successfully sold at auction. After fees, the Commission will receive \$1,795.00. Mike also reported that the Lakeshore Drive MPI project is progressing well. 90% design drawings are now complete and the project is on-track to bid in March 2026. Staff will reach out to large businesses in advance of the project to warn of the pending road closure.

Lewiston Co-Clerk, Erica Kidd- Erica gave an update on the Lake Auburn Infrastructure Study that the two water utilities are working on with CDM Smith. The consultant has finished their analyses of historical Lake data and they're formulating recommendations and schedules in consideration of extending the intake pipe and construction of a filtration facility.

Agenda Item 5, Old Business

Standard of Conduct Policy- Commissioner Cyr and Commissioner Gagne provided clean copies of the draft standard of conduct policy. Commissioner Cyr went over all of the changes to the document that were discussed at the last Commission meeting.

Vote 2: On the motion of Commissioner Chittim, seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, to approve the Commission Standard of the conduct as presented and with the corrections made to section 5, 6 & 7.

Passed: 8-0

Agenda Item 6, New Business

Officer Elections- There was open discussion amongst Commissioners regarding the current slate of officers remaining in their respective appointments.

Vote 3: On a motion by Commissioner Rioux and seconded by Commissioner Chittim to re-appoint Commissioner Parrish to Chair, Commissioner Gagne to Vice Chair, Commissioner Landry as Secretary, Tracy Roy as Treasurer and Mike Broadbent and Erica Kidd as Co-Clerks.

Passed: 8-0

Agenda Item 7, Executive session regarding potential land transaction in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(C).

Vote 4: On a motion by Commissioner Damon and seconded by Commissioner Rioux to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(C) to discuss a potential land transaction.

Passed: 8-0

The Meeting was called back to order at 4:42 pm

Vote 5: On a motion by Commissioner Parrish and seconded by Commissioner Chittim to authorize staff to negotiate with a property owner as discussed in executive session.

Passed: 8-0

Vote 6: On a motion by Commissioner Damon and seconded by Commissioner Chittim to not pursue discussions on the second property discussed during executive session.

Passed: 8-0

Vote 7: On a motion by Commissioner Damon and seconded by Commissioner Chittim to authorize staff to negotiate with the property owner as discussed in executive session (Third Property).

Passed: 8-0

Vote 8: On a motion by Commissioner Cyr and seconded by Commissioner Chittim to adjourn the meeting.

Passed: 8-0

A true record, attest;



Amy Landry

LAWPC Secretary