

Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission

Minutes

Wednesday November 14, 2018

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

Time: Meeting began at 3:30 PM

Commissioners Present: John Bonneau, Amy Landry, Joe Grube, Dave Jones, Bethel Shields, Dick Thibodeau, Steve French, Alicia Rea, Tizz Crowley

Commissioners Absent: none

Others Present: Kevin Gagne, Sid Hazelton, Heather Hunter, Lauren Olsen and others from the public.

Commissioner Bonneau called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM and noted this was Commissioner David Jones' last meeting

Agenda Item 1: Approve minutes of Regular Meeting of September 12, 2018

Vote 1– Motion by Commissioner Crowley and seconded by Commissioner Grube to accept the minutes of September 12, 2018 with 1 minor edit as noted by Commissioner Crowley, and place on file.

Passed 8-0

Agenda Item 2: Quarterly Financial Update – Heather Hunter

Heather provided a financial update.

Vote 2– Motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Landry to accept the financial update and place on record.

Passed 8- 0

Agenda Item 3: Presentation of 2019 Budget – Heather Hunter

Heather presented proposed 2019 Budget.

Commissioners discussed several line items with no modifications to proposed budget.

Vote 3– Motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shields to adopt the proposed budget for 2019.

Passed 8- 0

Agenda Item 4: Water Quality & Activity Report – Erica Kidd

Erica was not present at the meeting. Sid Hazelton presented the water quality update and activity report.

Lake Auburn turnover occurred on Sunday October 28, 2018. We did apply algaecide on September 11, 2018 and it can be debated as to if the algaecide application was effective or not. We believe it was effective at preventing further growth of algae for the season. The current algae issue affecting the lake and the customers is a golden alga- synura. Sid introduced Lauren Olsen, Education and Outreach Coordinator and explained Lauren's focus will be shifting efforts to reaching people in the watershed and still supporting teachers that are looking to continue their programs and reach out for support. The forestry program is continuing with parcels on Skillings Corner Road and other areas during the upcoming winter. Townsend Brook phosphorus study is continuing as Dr. Norton is looking at soil samples and will provide results this winter.

Vote 4– Motion by Commissioner Crowley and seconded by Commissioner Jones to accept the Water Quality update and activity report.

Passed 8- 0

Agenda Item 5: Open Session- Public Comments

Presentation and discussion took place for a snowmobile trail proposal on watershed land and along Spring Road. Dan Bilodeau provided a map showing (by color coding) original trails and proposed changes to trails. Dan would like to have permission to re-route a section of trail with some limited cutting of small trees/saplings (red trail on map) and abandoning yellow trail shown on map.

Vote 5– Motion by Commissioner Crowley and seconded by Commissioner French to allow trail moving to red area with cutting and red route pending staff approval and documentation back to the snowmobile club for annual approval, not an easement.

Passed 8- 0

Agenda Item 6: Open Session- Public Commissioners

Commissioner Jones said a few words as it is his last meeting as a Commissioner and Lewiston representative as he is retiring. Commissioner Jones thanked the other Commissioners and Staff and stated how he enjoyed his 15 years on the Commission and working with this crew. Commissioner Bonneau told Commissioner Jones, "we will miss your laughter."

Agenda Item 7: Adjourn Meeting

Vote 6 - Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Jones, and seconded by Commissioner Crowley to adjourn the meeting.

Passed 8 - 0

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 PM

A true record, Attest:

Kevin Gagne,
Clerk of the LAWPC