

Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

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

Time: Meeting began at 3:31 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, Dan Bilodeau, Glen Holmes, Rick Lachapelle and Camille Parrish

Commissioners Absent: Dan Dube,

Others Present: Michael Broadbent Commission Secretary

Agenda Item 1: Approve the Minutes of the regular Commission meeting held, 11/9/2022

Vote 1 **On a motion by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Parrish to approve the minutes as presented.**

Passed 8-0

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment No discussion at this time

Agenda Item 3: Staff Report No discussion

Agenda Item 4: Old Business

A. CEI draft peer review of FB Environmental Study

Rebecca Balke was present via zoom and she gave an overview of the final draft of the CEI Report. CEI was tasked with reviewing the FB Environmental Associates; *A Regulatory, Environmental and Economic Analysis of Water Supply Protection in Auburn, Maine* dated October 2021 and the FB environmental supplemental *Lake Auburn Model Technical Memo*, dated August 2022 and the Staff Comments memo submitted by Sid Hazelton of the Auburn Water District.

Public Comment- Steven Beal, a resident of Auburn asked if the report will be placed on the Commission website. Commissioner Cyr responded “yes”. Mr. Beal also asked what the Commission planned to do with the information in this report. Commissioner Cyr replied that the Commissioners will convene and take action as necessary. Pam Rousseau, a resident of Auburn inquired about the discussions at the City Council level that private systems will have to

show proof that the systems get pumped at least every 5 years. Mrs. Rousseau asked if that was acceptable or should raised systems be inspected more frequently. This question was not specifically addressed in the meeting.

Commissioner Cyr asked the Commissioners how they wish to proceed now that they are in receipt of the CEI Report. Consensus was to make recommendations to the Auburn Water District to consider the recommendations made in the CEI Report. The Commissioners compiled the recommendations of the CEI Report along with other watershed concerns. The Commissioners would like to discuss these recommendations further at a workshop in January.

Vote 2 On a motion by Commissioner Lachapelle and seconded by Commissioner Holbrook to have the Chair and Vice-Chair draft a letter to be sent back to all Commissioners for review and then sent to the Auburn Planning Board stating that the Commission does not support any ordinance change that creates an increase in density within the Watershed.

Pass 8-0

Vote 3 On a motion by Commissioner Landry and seconded by Commissioner Holbrook to have the Chair and Vice-Chair draft a letter to be sent back to all Commissioners for review and then sent to the Auburn City Council recommending that no more residential or commercial development be allowed in the AG Zone within the Watershed.

Pass 8-0

The Commissioners agreed to have a workshop in January, 2023 to discuss recommendations to be made to the Auburn Water District. It was decided to have the meeting January 10, 2023 at 3:00pm.

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

Pass 8-0

A true record, attest;



Michael Broadbent
LAWPC Secretary