

Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

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

Time: Meeting began at 3:30 PM

Recording: The meeting was videoed.

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

Dale Doughty arrived at 4:01pm

Commissioners Absent: Dick Thibodeau

Others Present: Kevin Gagne, LAWPC Clerk, Michael Broadbent LAWPC Secretary, Sid Hazelton, LAWPC Clerk, Heather Hunter, LAWPC Financial Officer.

Commissioner Bonneau called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM

Agenda Item 1: Approve minutes of regular meeting of November 14, 2018.

Vote 1- Motion by Commissioner Crowley and seconded by Commissioner Landry to accept the minutes as presented.

Passed 7-0

Agenda Item 2: Quarterly Financial Update- Heather Hunter

Heather provided the Commissioners with two Financial Reports, one for the first quarter of 2019 and one for the fourth quarter of 2018. She first went over the 2019 report which did not show a lot of activity because of the time of year. The 2018 Report showed that the Commission had a surplus in its budget mainly due to the turn over in positions in 2018. We also took in revenue from logging activities which contributed to the surplus.

Vote 2- Motion by Commissioner Crowley and seconded by Commissioner Shields to accept the financial reports as presented.

Passed 7-0

Agenda Item 3: Water Quality Update & Activity Report- Sid Hazelton

Erica Kidd was unable to attend so Sid presented the report. Sid reported that there has been a considerable forestry effort made over the last 6 months. There is some remediation work that is required once the snow melts.

Sid handed out copies of the Watershed Newsletter that Lauren had prepared. Sid wanted to make sure that everyone was on the distribution list.

There are also several up-coming events around the watershed. Lauren will be giving a tree Identification seminar and there will also be a watershed walk.

Erica has been working on an Alum Discharge Permit for Lake Auburn. The current recommendation is to apply alum this summer. Sid had some background information on the science of an alum application in the Commissioners' packets.

Sid discussed other watershed efforts that have been occurring through the winter: ice on was January 14, turbidity has been at or below averages all winter, sampling efforts for this summer on First Brook, another drone fly-over of the watershed, some mid-winter in lake sampling two weeks ago.

Agenda Item 4: Ag / Resource Protection Zone, Ad Hoc Committee- Sid Hazelton

Sid reported the City of Auburn's Ad Hoc Committee to study the current Ag & Resource Protection zones around the City. Sid presented to the Commissioners a draft amendment that the Committee has prepared for review. There are a lot of changes to the existing protection zones. Sid has been attending the meetings and plans to reach out to the Planning Board Chair, Evan Cyr.

Agenda Item 5: Formation of Water Filtration Ad Hoc Committee-Sid Hazelton

Sid provided the Commissioners with a copy of the Auburn Mayor's paper asking for the formation of a Committee to address the feasibility and advantages of building a water filtration facility and the current ability of efforts to maintain a waiver from filtration. This was an agenda item at the Auburn City Council meeting on March 4. The motion was tabled and will be brought up again on March 18.

Sid provided the Commissioners with a packet of information that he prepared for the Auburn City Manager regarding past efforts to look into filtration.

Agenda Item 6: Taylor Pond Resource Protection Zone proposed amendment

Sid provided an update on the Taylor Pond Resource Protection Zone Amendment. This amendment was brought forth after recent development around Taylor Pond. The new amendment creates a more restrictive protection area that does overlap some areas around Lake Auburn. The Committee that brought this bill forward has since taken it back.

Agenda Item 7: Sediment Sampling

Sid provided the Commissioners with the Final Report on the University of Maine's Sediment Study of Lake Auburn. The final report has a lot of recommendations that the Commission should take into consideration.

Agenda Item 8: Open Session - Public Comments

No comments

Agenda Item 9: Open Session - Commissioners

Vote 3- Motion by Commissioner Shields and seconded by Commissioner Doughty to cancel future Commission meetings in the event that Auburn schools are canceled or there is no quorum of the Commissioners.

Passed 8 – 0

Tizz Crowley pointed out that the Commission did not have a formal communication policy and recommended that one be adopted at a future meeting.

Commissioners also asked about the snowmobile accident on Lake Auburn.

Agenda Item 10: Adjourn Meeting

Vote 4- Motion by Commissioner Crowley and seconded by Commissioner Shields to adjourn the meeting.

Passed 8 – 0

A true record, attest;



Michael Broadbent

Secretary of the LAWPC