

Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

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

Time: Meeting began at 3:30 PM

Recording: The meeting was videoed.

Commissioners Present: Steve French, Amy Landry, Dick Thibodeau, Bethel Shields and Alicia Rae

Commissioners Absent: Joe Grube, Dale Doughty, Tizz Crowley. There is currently a vacancy on the Board.

Others Present: Kevin Gagne, LAWPC Clerk, Heather Hunter, Michael Broadbent LAWPC Secretary, Sid Hazelton, LAWPC Clerk, Erica Kidd, Watershed Manager

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

Vote 1- Motion by Commissioner Rea and seconded by Commissioner Landry to nominate Commissioner Shields as Chair of the September 11, 2019 meeting

Passed 5-0

Agenda Item 1: Approve Minutes of regular meeting of June 12, 2019

Vote 2- Motion by Commissioner French and seconded by Commissioner Landry to approve the minutes with two grammar corrections on page 3.

Passed 5-0

Agenda Item 2: Approve Minutes of special meeting of July 16, 2019

Vote 3- Motion by Commissioner Landry and seconded by Commissioner French to approve the minutes with one minor grammar correction.

Passed 5-0

Agenda Item 3: Approve Minutes of special meeting of July 30, 2019

Vote 4- Motion by Commissioner Landry and seconded by Commissioner French to approve the minutes with one minor grammar correction.

Passed 5-0

Agenda Item 4: Quarterly Financial Update - Sid Hazelton

Sid went over the Quarterly Financial Update prepared by Heather Hunter. Lewiston has crossed over to a new fiscal year and the remaining Lewiston contribution has been requested. As previously stated, the forestry expenses and income were not anticipated however the work is now complete and she does not see the amounts changing. Under expenditures, Auburn's labor has been billed through June and Lauren's time is reflected through July. The credit in Source Protection reflects the Grant we received from LAWPCA for a remediation project. Repairs to the pontoon boat and other erosion control projects represent some of the expenditures. There was also a note regarding the legal fees being over budget for the year.

Heather issued a Corporate Resolution requesting that Dale Doughty be added to the bank signature cards. With this change Dale will serve as the primary signatory of the Commission. This was a recommendation of our Auditors following the 2018 Audit.

Vote 5- Motion by Commissioner French and seconded by Commissioner Landry to accept the Commission Resolution.

Passed 5-0

Agenda Item 5: Commissioner Appointment Process

There is a specific Commissioner Appointment Process within the Commission Charter. There are three reps for both Lewiston and Auburn, one for Minot, Hebron or Buckfield. Historically Minot has been the only community to participate and Steve French was re-appointed last week. Turner is looking into the frequency of their appointments and will look to re-appoint annually. It was also brought up that there is a vacant Auburn Commission Representative seat. The most recent appointment process for the Auburn Water District failed and will be re-addressed in October by the District at their regular Trustee meeting.

Agenda Item 6: Discussion of the 2020 Budget

Work has begun on the 2020 Budget. The draft budget will be sent to the Commissioners and posted to the Commission website on Friday October 11, 2019. This will provide the public and Commissioners 30 days to review the budget before it is up for approval in November.

Agenda Item 7: Water Quality Update & Activity Report – Erica Kidd

Erica gave an update on the 880 Lake Shore Dr property; the easement has cleared and the work to the leach field has been completed.

Erica reported about a fire on Salmon Point in August which actually flared back up a week later. A total of an acre and a half was burned. The area has a lot of woody debris and it is believed the original fire was started by an un-attended camp fire.

Erica reported that the Androscoggin Land Trust was performing an assessment of what is known as the Pope property. During the assessment there were several hunting stands found which are not allowed. The Warden Service was contacted and the stands were removed.

Erica reported that a couple of no-swimming signs were installed on Lakeshore Drive. Erica had received calls of people swimming there and that there were no signs.

Erica gave the Education and Outreach report. Erica said that Lauren has been doing an excellent job reaching out and networking with the public. They are in the process of developing the Fall/Winter schedule and they are also planning to participate in the “imagine a day without water” in October.

The Lake Smart Program is in the development stage which involves working with property owners and educating them on evaluating water front property. John Bonneau worked with Erica and Lauren and was the first homeowner to participate.

Lauren and Erica are working on an Alum application video that will capture all aspects of the treatment. Treatment started on July 10 and was paused on August 2 so that we could monitor the Aluminum levels in the lake and gauge the effectiveness of the treatment. Treatment is expected to resume at the end of September.

Erica reported on several projects that she is currently working on; We received a Source Water Protection Grant to install a flow meter on the Townsend Brook inlet to the lake. This will be used to determine mass loading of phosphorus. Erica has distributed an RFP to study the Blanchard Pond area which has very high phosphorus levels and is in need of remediation work.

Agenda Item 8: Open Session

John Bonneau reported that he was impressed by the effort put in by the Auburn Fire Department during the Salmon Point fire.

Agenda Item 9: Open Session for Commissioners

Alicia asked about the status of a December meeting and the schedule for the 2020 Commission meetings.

Agenda Item 10: Executive Session – M.R.S.A 405 (6)(C)

Vote 6- Motion by Commissioner Thibodeau and seconded by Commissioner Rea to go into executive session per M.R.S.A 405 (6)(C).

Passed 5-0

The Board came out of Executive Session at 4:34pm

Vote 7- Motion by Commissioner Landry and seconded by Commissioner French to purchase Property A for the agreed upon price, pending the completion and review of the environmental assessment of the property.

Passed 5-0

Vote 8- Motion by Commissioner Rea and seconded by Commissioner French to continue discussions with the owner of Property B.

Passed 5-0

Vote 9- Motion by Commissioner Landry and seconded by Commissioner Thibodeau to proceed with an appraisal of Property C.

Passed 5-0

Agenda Item 11: Adjourn Meeting

Vote 10- Motion by Commissioner Rea and seconded by Commissioner French to adjourn the meeting.

Passed 5-0

A true record, attest;



Michael Broadbent
Secretary of the LAWPC