

City of Auburn, Maine

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Minutes - July 24, 2018

- 1) Roll Call
 - a) Chair: Jordan Tate, Commissioners: Rhyanna Larose, Shelley Norton, Maurice Keene, Ben Low, Johanna Flood Staff: Tony Beaulieu. LACFB member: Dave Griswold
- 2) Review and Approve June Minutes
 - a) Tizz motion
 - i) Rhyanna Second
 - ii) unanimous
- 3) Subcommittee Updates
 - a) NOAA Grant/Littlefield Dam update
 - i) The Conservation Commission/City of Auburn will not pursue the NFWF grant
 - b) Parks Subcommittee
 - Meeting at the LACC cancelled due to low numbers (holiday weekend) and hot temperatures. The event will likely be rescheduled for fall with a Save the Date sent out prior
 - ii) Issue regarding tree removal for parking at Pettengill. Dave Griswold from the Forest Board was present and suggested involved the LACFB, offered to coordinate with Rick Shea to hold special meeting on the Pettengill issue and the street tree plantings for the Project Canopy Grant. There was also a suggestion for the Conservation chair to reach out to the Parks and Rec advisory board to review alternate parking locations
 - iii) Donations are being collected for the cemeteries workgroup, and can be given to Jill Eastman.
 - c) Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board
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 - ii) Dave Griswold also provided an update on the Woodlot management update
 - d) LA Trails

- i) Ben Low, the liason for LA trails, indicated they are still waiting on the ALT to hold a meeting, and will likely be the end of the summer after events taper down.
- e) Ag Zone
 - i) Maurice Keene provided an update. They adhoc committee released their final report. They Mayor might want action soon, however, the adhoc committee finished their duties.
 - ii) Motion to have the Conservation Commission recommend to the Mayor that he assign a work group (official definition pending, but we will use this term for our recommendation) to study the ag/natural resource zone further under the Conservation Commission. The objective of the group would be to continue the work of the recently dissolved adhoc committee to ultimately provide more direction on the issue.
 - (1) Motioned by Shelley Norton, seconded by Tizz Crowley, unanimously approved.
- f) Johnna motion to move subcommittee updates to the end to focus on the work. Written reports encouraged
 - i) Seconded by ben
 - ii) unanimous
- 4) Public Comment
- 5) Work In Progress
 - a) Review of officer positions and associated tasks/duties
 - b) Street Tree Inventory (covered in LACFB update)
 - c) Definitions of workgroup, subcommittee, etc
- 6) Work Completed
- 7) New Business
 - a) Tizz Crowley offered to draft the annual report for 2017-2018
- 8) Adjourn
 - a) Rhyanna moved to adjourn, Maurice seconded, unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Jordan Tate Chair