



Conservation Commission Agenda

Meeting Date: January 28, 2016, 6:00 PM

- I.** Approve Minutes of November 17, 2015 meeting

- II.** Sub Committee Reports
 - a. Parks Committee
 - b. LACFB Update

- III.** Open for Public Comments

- IV.** Old Business Items
 - a. Ordinance Language Revisions
 - b. Status of Project Canopy and TD Bank Grant Applications
 - c. Woodlot Ordinance

- V.** New Business Items
 - a. Barker Mill Dam Relicensing
 - b. Planning and GIS Follow up
 - c. Policies and Procedures

- VI.** Other
 - a. Meeting Times

- VII.** Adjourn

NOTE: Next meeting will be on February 25, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Conservation Commission Meetings take place the third Tuesday of each Month at Room 205 in Auburn City Hall at 6:00 PM.

City of Auburn
Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2015 - 6:00 pm

Members Present:

Pete Preble, Chair
Nichole White-Matson, Vice-Chair
Tizz Crowley

Maurice Keene
Bob Sipe

Members Absent

Jordan Tate

Others Present:

Dan Goyette, Director of Public Services
Eric Cousens, Director of Planning &
Permitting

Rosemary Mosher, GIS
Dave Griswold, Forest Board

The meeting was brought to order at 6:00 pm

1. Minutes

ACTION: Motion made by Maurice Keene seconded by Nichole White-Matson to accept the minutes of 10/20/15 as presented. Motion approved.

It was noted that Jordan Tate was appointed to the Forest Board last month, that the city is still advertising for two positions, and that it should be one. There is also a vacancy on the Conservation Commission with Ben Fletcher's resignation that has not been advertised. Dan Goyette sent the Clerk an email and will follow up with her.

2. Subcommittee Reports

Parks Committee:

Bob Sipe said the Parks Committee is going to make a presentation to the Conservation Commission in December but gave a quick overview of their progress to date. He said they put together a spreadsheet listing parks and recreation areas whether owned by the town or private. They also talked about the web site and some suggestions they have i.e. listing parks under the residents link and updating the Map It under Parks & Recreation to include more parks. He said there are 4 active members and everyone seems to have a lot of enthusiasm.

LACFB Update: None

Dave Griswold said the Forest Board has a meeting scheduled Thursday. Last month they worked on the strategic plan and they have a good list put together of things to work on. He said they are an enthusiastic group as well. Thursday's meeting will be held at Lewiston Public Works Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.

3. Public Comments: None

4. Election of Remaining Commission Positions

Secretary & Treasurer:

ACTION: Maurice Keene seconded by Nichole White-Matson moved to appoint Tizz Crowley as Secretary & Treasurer. Motion approved.

5. Old Business

Ordinance Language Revisions

Dan Goyette said the Inauguration for the new Council is December 7. Their first meeting will be December 8th or 9th with a possible joint meeting with the Conservation Commission. It is not on the agenda to discuss ordinance changes specifically but it might be a good time to bring it up and have the Clerk put it on the agenda. Eric Cousens will let Council know the Conservation Commission is available the 8th.

Policies and Procedures:

Status of Project Canopy and TD Bank Grant Applications

Dan Goyette reported the TD Bank grant is still being worked on and the Project Canopy/Planning Grant forest tree inventory has been submitted. He said Jan has reviewed it, had no comments, and is working on getting the funding and how to allocate it. He does not know exactly when they will receive the money or when it will be awarded but there is a June/July deadline to spend it. He met with GIS and the City Arborist, has a copy of Brunswick's original RFP, and talked to Stephen Murch in Lewiston about how he did it and he has offered his support. They are ready to go as soon as they have the money.

6. New Business

Planning Department Presentation:

Eric Cousens said Dan Goyette requested someone from the Planning and Development Department come to the meeting to let them know they are there as a resource and to talk about what potential projects the planning staff and Planning Board and potentially the Council could use input on from the Conservation Commission. He put together a list of Projects that the board doesn't really have ownership of that relate to conservation or that they could use help with public input and someone to help with ideas.

1. Help with Conservation Plan implementation on issues that relate to outdoor recreation, natural resources, and conservation. Eric will email the links to that section of the plan to Dan Goyette to share with them. Tizz Crowley will send the links she has to all the pages that mention conservation to them.
2. Mt Apatite and Joint Land Use Study. They received a grant to work with the National Guard on addressing some of the issues that have existed for a long time.
3. Agriculture & Resource Protection District Study.
4. Hydropower Relicensing.

GIS Department Presentation:

Pete Preble said part of their charge in the ordinance is to keep an index of all open areas within the city in coordination with city GIS staff whether publicly or privately owned including open marshland, swamps, and other wetlands. He wants to know what is available and what there is for information to work with. Rosemary Mosher reviewed the new GIS mapping system verbally and visually and showed them that it includes not only mapping but data as well.

7. Other

Bob Sipe said the Parks Committee meets again November 25. If there are any changes to the spreadsheet of the parks, he will make them, and then send a copy to the Conservation Commission.

Pete Preble said if the Conservation Commission has a joint meeting with the Council on December 8, it may be January before they meet again and they can push the Parks Committee report back until then.

8. Adjourn

A motion by Tizz Crowley seconded by Maurice Keene moved to adjourn. Motion Approved.

Submitted by:
Tammy Thatcher