



Conservation Commission Agenda

Date: March 21, 2017, 6:00 PM

- I.** Roll Call
- II.** Adopt action only minutes from February 21, 2017.

Sub Committee Reports

Parks Committee
Lewiston/Auburn Community Forest Board-1/19

- III.** Open for Public Comments
- IV.** Work in progress:
 - a. Barker Mill Dam Relicensing-Update
 - b. Conservation Commission calendar of events
 - c. Brainstorm for the annual report
- V.** Work completed since last meeting:
 - a. Alternate taking action only minutes
 - b. AG Zone letter signed and submitted to Sue Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk for distribution.
 - c. Advertise remaining position on the Conservation Commission.

New Business Items

- a. Project canopy grant-partial funding
 - b. Invitation to join the Maine Association of Conservation Commission.
- VI.** Adjourn

The Conservation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each Month in Auburn City Hall at 6:00 PM.
The Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.
The Parks Subcommittee meets on the last Wednesday of the month in Auburn City Hall at 6:30 PM.

Auburn Conservation Commission Notes 2/21/2017

Attended: Tizz Crowley, Maurice Keene, Jordan Tate, Tony Beaulieu

*Not enough members for a quorum

Meeting called to Order at 6:01

Roll Call

Agenda Conservation

- “Documents” folder for Conservation Commission website approved. The calendar could also go in this folder.
- Joel Simmons applied for vacancy, and is to be voted on by the Appointing Committee. He also expressed interest in the LACFB, we should be able to appoint him once he is on the Conservation Commission.
- Need to resend AG Zone letter to Nichole so it can be sent to Planning Board and City Council. Tizz suggests Maurice might be a good point person for this topic since he has most knowledge and experience with the Ag Zone.
- General agreement to take turns writing the action only minutes
- Ask City to repost last opening for the Conservation Commission
- Invite any/all applicants to the next meeting

Adjourn Meeting at approximately 6:45pm

LACFB Minutes 1-19-17

Attended: Jordan Tate, John Butler, Gary Wadsworth(City of Auburn Staff), Dave Griswold, Rick Shea (excused at beginning of meeting)

Excused: Steve Murch (Lewiston City Arborist)

Absent: Zam Zam Mohammed, Charles Lafean

Call to Order: (By Dave Griswold in Rick Shea's absence) 7:01

Public Participation: None

Postpone approval of November, 2016 minutes

Information from Auburn Conservation Commission

- Project Canopy Grant proposal to complete Auburn Street Tree Inventory has been submitted.
- LACFB information should be posted on ACC section of Auburn City Website
- agendas
- approved minutes
- 2016-2020 LACFB Strategic Plan
- members

Note: there are apparently 3 LACFB vacancies: 1 Auburn, 1 Lewiston and at-large seat

Auburn Street Tree Project Canopy Grant

- proposal to inventory 2700 +/- street trees to complete inventory. 2500 trees measured in 2016.
- pro bono inventory work will be City match. No outlay of dollars by Auburn.
- 32 trees to be planted at locations identified by the inventory.
- information brochures to focus on street tree inventory.
- soil and fertilizer.

Request for information about scope of Auburn Community Forest from Tizz Crowley

- Dave will pull public woodlot information from 2009 Management Plan.
- Gary will add park and cemetery information and make description available.

Discussion of Strategic Plan Priority Goals postponed to allow greater participation.

New Business

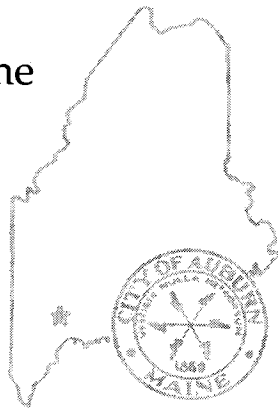
- John asked when nursery trees would be available for outplanting.
- trees are expected to be ready 6-8 years after planting. Minimum time would be 5 years hence.
- Dave noted that 1-18-17 Project Canopy Newsletter has an article about a new US Forest Service database with urban tree growth rates. It has potential to project future size of trees being planted, but the nearest state where data has been collected in New York.

Adjourn: 7:37

City of Auburn, Maine

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Conservation Commission



March 20, 2017

Auburn City Council
Planning Board
60 Court Street
Auburn, ME 04210

The Conservation Commission of the City of Auburn would like to officially state our interest in the recent discussions of agricultural and natural resource zoning, after our unanimous vote on November 21st, 2016. We, as the Conservation Commission, would like a better understanding of the background for this discussion, therefore we are requesting the following: a copy of what was requested of the council, reason for the study, a copy of the survey that was announced during the November 14th public meeting, a schedule of upcoming events, and anything else pertaining to this issue.

We thank you for your cooperation, and look forward to continued progress.

Sincerely,

Nichole White-Metcalf, Chairperson

City of Auburn Conservation Commission

Open position/Confirmation/Distribution



Nichole White <nwhitematson@gmail.com> 8:06 AM (0 minutes ago)

to Susan

Good Morning Sue,

I hope this email finds you well on the first day of Spring!

A couple of requests, if I may:

Could you please post our remaining open position for the Conservation Commission.

I would like to also confirm Joel Simons appointment to the Conservation Commission.

Lastly, Could you please distribute the attached letter if appropriate to the City Council and Planning Board to state our interest in the AG Zoning.

Thank you,

Nichole White-Matson, Chairperson
Conservation Commission
City of Auburn ME.
Attachments area



Nichole White <nwhitematson@gmail.com>

Open position/Confirmation/Distribution

Susan Clements-Dallaire <sdallaire@auburnmaine.gov>
To: Nichole White <nwhitematson@gmail.com>
Cc: Anthony Beaulieu <abeaulieu@auburnmaine.gov>

Mon, Mar 20, 2017 at 8:29 AM

Good morning, Nichole,

Which open position are you referring to? I've noted two vacancies. Are you saying there are three vacancies? In regards to Joel Simons, he has been appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, not the Conservation Commission.

Yes, I will forward your letter to the City Council and to Doug Greene who can forward to the Planning Board.

Happy first day of Spring!

Sue

From: Nichole White [mailto:nwhitematson@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:07 AM
To: Susan Clements-Dallaire
Subject: Open position/Confirmation/Distribution

[Quoted text hidden]

From: Santerre, Jan [mailto:Jan.Santerre@maine.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 8:50 AM
To: Anthony Beaulieu
Subject: Auburn Project Canopy Grant

Tony, I am pleased to inform you Auburn is approved for partial funding under the 2017 Project Canopy Assistance Program request. I will be sending official approval notice and contractual documents today, documents will explain the partial/conditional funding, and any revisions required. Thank you for your patience with the process. I look forward to working with you.

Best regards,

Jan Ames Santerre
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Maine Forest Service
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March 10, 2017

Dear Conservation Commissioners,

With the likely roll backs of federal environmental regulations and grant funding, conservation and environmental protection at the local level becomes more crucial. To ensure clean water and land for the future, as well as take care of what we have accomplished already, conservation commissions can play a key role. Our existing conservation commissions are doing good work and there is strong potential to do more.

Good conservation commissions do at least 3 things in their community:

- Educate: Make citizens and policymakers aware of environmental issues in their community.
- Advocate: Urge adoption of policies and practices that reflect the needs of the community.
- Activate: Do things that actively enhance the quality of their community's environment.

A primary goal of the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions (MEACC) is to build capacity of existing conservation commissions to work effectively in their communities. MEACC acts on this goal by providing the following to its members:

- **A periodic newsletter** (which will be emailed at least bimonthly) with environmental news that often includes conservation commissions in the news. Notifications/information about grants is also included.
- **An annual spring conference** that offers expert presentations on topics of interest plus a useful, popular share time when conservation commission attendees discuss current and future projects and concerns, followed by an opportunity to network.
- **A new phone consultation service** beginning next month that will respond to questions concerning conservation commission effectiveness and projects.

In order to continue and improve on these services as well as revamp/update our website we need your financial support. Membership dues invoices have been enclosed. We depend entirely on these dues to maintain our work to support you. I hope you will support us by responding promptly. Thank you.

*Hope you
will join us!*

Sincerely,

Fred Snow

Fred Snow
Board Chair

Maine Association of Conservation Commissions

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

City or Town: _____

Name of Commission: _____

No. of Members: ____ Meeting Schedule: (e.g. - 1st Monday, 7:00 p.m.) _____

Annual Budget: _____

Website address (if any): _____

Chair Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Dues Schedule (circle one):

<u>Municipal Population</u>	<u>Dues Amount</u>
Under 2000	\$125
2000 - 5000	\$150
5001 - 10000	\$175
10001 - 15000	\$200
Over 15001	\$225

Please return this form, with payment, to:

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