

Auburn, Maine

Conservation Commission

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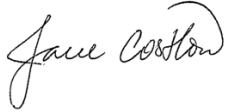
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Minutes- November 19, 2019

- 1) Roll Call
 - a) Called to order at: 6:05pm
 - b) Present: Jordan Tate, Maurice Keene, Sam Boss, Tizz Crowley, Jane Costlow, Michelle Melarango
 - c) Absent: Rhyanna Larose
 - d) Staff: Tony Beaulieu
 - e) Guests: Paula Everett and Suzanne Roy
- 2) Public Comment/Guest Visitors
 - a) Paula and Suzanne came to talk about parks
 - b) Looking at potential overlap between parks and rec board and conservation commission parks subcommittee
 - c) Conservation Commission Parks subcommittee inactive but would be interested in collaborating. Tizz will schedule a parks subcommittee meeting in January
 - d) Sam Boss reiterated need to improve information sharing with other boards and city staff. Potentially add them onto minutes and agendas distribution
- 3) Work Completed
 - a) Tizz motioned to take items out of order, seconded by Jordan, unanimously approved
 - b) Met with Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission staff Lauren Olsen to discuss opportunities for collaboration and citizen science ideas
 - c) Attended Big Three Watershed FERC Relicensing Workshop
- 4) Work in Progress and Subcommittee Updates
 - a) Parks/Cemeteries: none
 - b) Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board: none
 - c) AGRP
 - i) Tizz: current draft ordinance doesn't protect watershed overlay. LAWPC passed a resolve in spring that any changes do not apply to watershed overlay district, in order to protect the water filtration waiver. Tizz suggests the Conservation Commission create a resolve in addition to support the LAWPC's resolve.
 - (1) Overlay meaning where ever AGRP intersects the watershed protection

- ii) LAWPC had not heard back from the City since April on the resolve
 - iii) Sam expressed concerns that if we issue support for the resolve, it could subject the remainder of the zone to more substantial change/effects
 - iv) Letter from the Conservation Commission supporting protecting surface water quality and drinking water quality, and deferring to the LAWPC as the body of knowledge for how to best do that. (maybe also reference survey). To send it to commissioners for review
 - (1) Jordan motioned
 - (2) Sam seconded
 - (3) Unanimously approved
 - d) LA Trails: none
 - e) Mt. Apatite Group: none
 - f) Other
- 5) New Business/Commissioner Comments (Open session for future agendas)
 - a) Vote on officer roles
 - i) All nominated have been elected by unanimous decision for one year terms
 - ii) Jordan Tate re-elected as chair
 - iii) Rhyanna Larose re-elected as vice-chair
 - iv) Jane Costlow elected as secretary
 - v) Sam Boss elected as Treasurer
 - b) Strategic Planning 2020-2024
 - i) Add distribution list to strategic plan
 - ii) Come up with a way of communicating
 - iii) Inform the public on what natural resources are generally and specifically in auburn
 - c) Upcoming Events
 - i) Festival of lights participation? December, 150th event
 - ii) Winter festival
 - (1) ALT snowshoe walk-winter shrub ID
 - (2) Bird club walks
 - (3) PArks and rec coordination
 - (4) Revisit at December meeting
 - d) An “alert the commission” on the website for members of the public to bring to our awareness
 - e) Homework assignment
 - i) Re-evalutate our ordinance changes and then resubmit after any changes
 - f) Solar in AGRP Zone
 - i) On city’s agenda
 - ii) Potential to move quickly
 - iii) Should/How to get involved
 - iv) Maurice suggests establishing workgroup for renewable energy in long term
- 6) Adjourn

7) Jordan motioned to adjourn, Sam seconded, unanimous
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Costlow". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Jane Costlow
Auburn Conservation Commission Secretary

Next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2019 in the Community Room at 6pm