



## Auburn, Maine

Conservation Commission

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#### Minutes- June 18, 2019

- 1) Roll Call
  - a) Chair: Jordan Tate, Vice Chair: Rhyanna Larose, Commissioners: Sam Boss, Maurice Keene, Tizz Crowley. Staff: Tony Beaulieu
  - b) Guests: Kathy Shaw, Joe Gray, Bill Silvester
- 2) Review and Approve May Minutes
  - a) Rhyanna mentioned to add the Mayor declared an official proclamation for arbor week.
  - b) Jordan motioned to approve with the edit, Rhyanna seconded. Tizz Crowley abstained, approved by majority.
- 3) Public Comment/Guest Visitors
  - a) Kathy Shaw thanked the Conservation Commission for our continued efforts in protecting the City's resources. She also added that the Auburn farmers market is starting up on Wednesdays from 4:30-7:30pm.
- 4) Work In Progress
  - a) AGRP ordinance changes
    - i) A legal memo was issued to the City on June 10, 2019
    - ii) The Conservation Commission felt that our letter of feedback was still relevant and echoed many points outlined in the legal memo
    - iii) Tizz mentioned that the City Seal should be added to the letter
    - iv) Maurice suggested adding that the Conservation Commission should be involved in the process even after the formation of an Agriculture and Resource Protection advisory board/commission
- 5) Work Completed
  - a) Annual Report
    - i) Tizz provided edits on paper copy but also agreed to provide digital edits
    - ii) Rhyanna mentioned adding in the Good Food Council award
    - iii) Tizz suggested adding the City Council presentations that the chair performed in January for the Littlefield Dam grant.
- 6) Subcommittee Updates
  - a) LACFB: There was no meeting in May
  - b) Mt. Apatite Group: approved new logo for the Friends of Mt. Apatite group. The group has started posting signs and the next meeting is June 25th at 6pm on

Small Road. LA Trails plans to shift meeting times back one hour to make meetings more accessible.

- c) Cemeteries: recognize public services parks division for their work on cemeteries in preparation for memorial day weekend. The virtual bottle drive is still ongoing with a goal of \$200.
- 7) New Business/Commissioner Comments
- a) Discussions about how to attract new members, add in a description of our work to our website to give a better understanding of what potential members would be signing up for. Tizz and Sam volunteered to work on creating materials to promote our vacancies
  - b) Jordan suggested reviewing the proposed ordinance changes from early 2016 and resubmitting them for acceptance.
  - c) Strategic Plan: many commissioners agreed that a 5-year strategic plan would be beneficial for the Commission.
  - d) Add potentially signing the Good Food Charter to the July Agenda
  - e) Jordan brought up the potential to have local wildlife rehabber “Misfits Rehab” be the next guest presenter for winter 2019-2020, the commissioners were supportive of the idea and agreed to revisit at future meetings
- 8) Adjourn
- a) Jordan motioned to adjourn, Rhyanna seconded. Unanimously voted

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jordan Tate, Chair