



## Auburn, Maine

Conservation Commission

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### Minutes - January 21, 2020

6:03 pm Community Room, Auburn City Building

#### 1) Roll Call

- a) Present: Jordan Tate (Chair); Commissioners: Tizz Crowley, Sam Boss, Michelle Melarango, , Maurice Keene, Jane Costlow. Staff: Tony Beaulieu
- b) Absent: Rhyanna Larose

#### 2) Public Comment/Guests: Kathy Shaw, Joe Gray

- a) Kathy noted appreciation for the Commission's support. United New Auburn will participate in WinterFest – Sherwood Heights Sunday afternoon, ice skating, sliding, facilities, snowshoeing at Sherwood Heights School.

#### 3) Work Completed

- a) Annual speakers series.
  - i) Jordan reported that Side By Each (family friendly local brewery) would be willing to host at the end of Feb/beginning of March. Jennifer Marciani (of Misfits Rehab) will present.
  - ii) Sam asked about the possibility of sponsoring something at the Auburn Winter Farmers' Market

#### 4) Work in Progress and Subcommittee Updates

- a) Parks/Cemeteries
  - i) Sub-committee met 1/9 – report from Tizz. Desire to refocus work on parks, with an event for City Council focused on Auburn parks.
  - ii) Tizz offered motion to revitalize by appointing Paula Curtis Everett and Suzanne Roy to sub-committee. Second by Maurice. Passed unanimously.
- b) Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board
  - i) Currently in a lull; no current updates.
  - ii) Sam reported that Dave Griswold has returned to Auburn and eager to go, would like to attend a Conservation Commission meeting.
- c) AGRP

- i) Kathy Shaw offered some updates, including wording on AG commission and a timeline for City Council action.
    - ii) Discussion of how the AG Commission will be constituted.
  - d) LA Trails
  - e) Mt. Apatite Group
    - i) No updates from either d) or e)
  - f) Strategic Plan
    - i) Discussion of Strategic Plan, question of how to define conservation. Handout from Jane with definitions of "Conservation" and material from *Maine Manual for Conservation Commissions*.
    - ii) **Action item: please get comments/suggestions on the Strategic Plan to Jordan by February 6.**
- 5) New Business/Commissioner Comments
  - a) Sam: report on conversations related to Littlefield dam removal, possibility for commission meeting visit by reps from Trout Unlimited and others. **ACTION: Sam and Jordan can work together to set up stakeholder meeting.**
  - b) Conservation Commission Logos
    - i) Postponed; Rhyanna will report on
  - c) Tizz: Counsellor Walker interested in pairing with CC to bring someone from MePUC to talk about water. All in favor that the Commission is happy to partner/support. Tizz will work on this.
  - d) Jordan: Shared e-mail from Jane/Audubon regarding bill proposed in August on Conservation Commissions.
    - i) Tizz: moves that the commission members read the proposed bill, share any concerns with Jordan by Sunday evening; she will draft letter of support on behalf of the CC. Second by Jordan. Motion passed (one abstention).
  - e) Approval of November minutes deferred to February meeting.
  - f) Maurice: asks that we revisit the issue of renewable energy; and adding alternate members
  - g) Joe Gray: question directed to Tony Beaulieu regarding city procedures on alerting appropriate committees/boards when specific issues come up.
  - h) Michelle: contact on Royal River Land Trust happy and eager to connect with us, currently no contact on their group from Auburn.
- 6) Motion to adjourn by Jordan 8:11, second by Sam. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Costlow".

Jane Costlow  
Auburn Conservation Commission Secretary

Next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 6:00, at Auburn City Hall Community Room.