



Auburn, Maine

Conservation Commission

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Minutes - September 15, 2020 6:35, Auburn Senior Community Center

1) Roll Call

- a) Present: Sam Boss, Jane Costlow, Jordan Tate, Rhyanna Larose
- b) Absent: Tizz Crowley, Michelle Melarango [excused]

2) Public Comment/Guests/Visitors.

3) Work Completed.

4) Work in Progress

- a) Brief discussion of how to acknowledge Maurice Keene's service to the Commission.
- b) Annual report
 - i. Still being finalized.
Jordan will check minutes from the year in regard to our meeting with state forester re: timber harvesting and municipal zoning.
- c) Ordinance
 - i. Discussion of definition of Conservation as used in the "Purpose" section of Ordinance. Wording suggestion from Sam Boss: *The improvement and protection of natural resources in a thoughtful, wise, fact-based manner, seeking to maximize both ecological and social benefits on a long-term basis though management of the City's natural resources to prevent exploitation, destruction or neglect.* There was no action taken on this.

5) Subcommittee reports

- a) Parks/Cemeteries. No report.
- b) Forest Board. No update

6) New Business/Commissioner Comments

- a) Discussion of how to build relationships with other city committees and relevant local environmental/land trust groups.

- b) Discussion of how to encourage individual commissioners to take initiative in ways that are in line with the Commission's charge, while keeping the rest of us in the loop.
- c) Brief report from Jane on her contact with Rosemary Mosher regarding the index of open land.
- d) Brief discussion of possible visit with city staff to Little Androscoggin dams. Sam reported that he had been in touch with Eric Cousens, who is happy to lead a tour for the Commission. Jordan has extensive background information on the FERC/dam removal process from several years ago, and expressed eagerness to have city officials (and us) actually see the situation and visit the dam site.
- e) Nominations for officer roles, vote to be held in October: Jordan nominated Sam Boss for Chair; Jordan agreed to serve as Vice Chair. Jane will continue as Secretary.

7) Vote to adjourn at 8:05

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

Respectfully submitted by Jane Costlow, Auburn Conservation Commission Secretary

Next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2020, location to be determined