



City of Auburn, Maine

Conservation Commission

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AUBURN CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 – Auburn Hall 6:00pm

Roll Call: Conservation Commission members present- Maurice Keene, Ben Low, Johnna Flood, Shelly Norton, Rhyanna Larose, Tizz Crowley, Auburn Staff present- Tony Beaulieu; Jordan Tate absent with prior notice

Minutes (Action only, discussion available in meeting video):

Called to order at 6:03pm

- Maurice Keene moved that Ben Low and Rhyanna Larose preside as acting co-chairs for this meeting, Tizz Crowley seconded, approved by unanimous vote
- **The Conservation Commission unanimously voted to approved December minutes with 2 attendance additions.** Chuck Lafean was present but after roll call was taken. Tizz Crowley was excused as she was out of state. Motion by Maurice Keene and seconded by Tizz Crowley.
- Subcommittee updates
 - Parks – Tizz reached out to Misty Edgecomb, awaiting to hear back on outstanding questions. They are still looking for new members
 - Forest Board – No meeting for Dec. No new business to report
 - Trails – Tentative meeting scheduled for Feb 6th. Ben will confirm & encourages all committee members to attend
- Ag Zone work group has meeting at City Hall scheduled for Thursday. All members available are encouraged to attend. Tizz will forward the agenda & supporting documents to members
- No public comment
- Election of officers – Tizz to work with Jordan & communicate elections of officers to move to possibly Sept each year rather than June. The group's thought is, that new committee appointees come in June and this would allow a few months to get acquainted

before holding elections. Also, we need clarification on dates of commissioners' terms (Shelley Norton was given an October-October term).

- Group agreed to hold interim elections at next month's meeting for vacant positions. All committee members will review roles/responsibilities of vice chair, secretary/treasurer. Nominate members, members will accept nomination, then committee will vote. Motion by Tizz Crowley, seconded Johnna Flood
- Rhyanna Larose suggested that a quick review of our ordinance and bylaws each July would be a good idea, both for onboarding of new commissioners and to remind continuing members of our mission. No vote was held, but general agreement was expressed.
- Additional prep for Owen prior to Feb meeting – All committee members will submit at least one question to Jordan Tate for Owen by 6am Monday January 22nd, so that Owen has time to prepare for discussions and review
- Tizz suggests light refreshments for that meeting and is willing to organize that. Any member able to bring a light refreshment to share is encouraged to reach out to Tizz
- Welcome Shelly Norton as a full member filling the vacant slot
- **Motion to adjourn by Rhyanna Larose, seconded by Johnna Flood, unanimous vote.**

Adjourned at 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rhyanna Larose