



Auburn, Maine

Conservation Commission

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Minutes- January 15, 2019

- 1) Roll Call
 - a) Jordan Tate (Chair), Rhyanna Larose (Vice Chair), Maurice Keene, Ben Low, Johnna Flood, Tizz Crowley. Staff: Tony Beaulieu. Guests: Josie Lahey (Androscoggin County SWCD), Kathy Shaw, Joe Gray
- 2) Review and Approve December Minutes
 - a) Tizz motioned, Rhyanna seconded, unanimously approved
- 3) Public Comment/Guest Visitors
 - a) Josie is from the Androscoggin County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). The SWCD aims to educate and advocate for the public, outreach regarding issues of soil and water quality, they have public meetings once a month typically on the 3rd Thursday. Josie also informed the commission about a grant opportunity for municipal forestry and green space
- 4) Work In Progress
 - a) Bates study for the inventory of Ag/Resource zone of Auburn
 - b) Communications Workgroup
- 5) Work Completed
- 6) Subcommittee Updates
 - a) Parks Subcommittee
 - b) Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board
 - i) No December meeting
 - ii) Potential Browntail Moth workshop for Lewiston/Auburn
 - c) LA Trails: LA Trails, hosted by the Androscoggin Land Trust, will be put on hold for approximately one year as the ALT has other priorities to focus on
 - d) MAG-ARP
 - i) Maurice Keene, Kathy Shaw, and Joe Gray provided updates on the MAG-ARP. They expressed concern that natural resources are not being considered with equal importance and that the proposed changes are too drastic. The conservation commission agreed and will issue another letter of concern.
- 7) New Business/Commissioner Comments
- 8) Adjourn: Jordan Tate motioned, Johnna seconded, unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Tate