



Auburn, Maine

Conservation Commission

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Minutes- April 16, 2019

- 1) Roll Call
 - a) Chair: Jordan Tate, Vice Chair: Rhyanna Larose, Commissioners: Ben Low, Tizz Crowley, Maurice Keene, Johnna Flood. Staff: Tony Beaulieu
 - b) Guests:
- 2) Review and Approve March Minutes
 - a) This was postponed until the end of the meeting, at which point only Tizz, Rhyanna, Maurice, and Jordan remained. Tizz motioned to approve the minutes, Jordan approved, approved (by quorum)
- 3) Public Comment/Guest Visitors
 - a) All public comment was focused on the AGPR ordinance discussion. See video recording of meeting for all public comment.
- 4) Work In Progress
 - a) AGRP ordinance discussion accounted for the majority of the meeting. Major concerns addressed by commissioners and public consisted of:
 - i) The ordinance purpose and actual language of the proposed ordinance are not cohesive
 - ii) The current ordinance is not being enforced fully as some members of the public described situations with neighbors that are not consistent with the ordinance. Concern that if there is already a struggle to fully enforce the existing ordinance, this would be amplified with a more lax ordinance
 - iii) The ordinance is moving from one extreme (too restrictive/outdated) to the other (too lax and development oriented)
 - iv) Definitions need to be more detailed, for instance, defining road frontage to mean city maintained public roads.
 - v) What is the current demand/need for this ordinance change? If there are only a handful of people currently living within the AGRP that have brought forth concerns or requests then would it be worth changing the entire ordinance?
 - vi) Tizz motioned for the chair to reach out to City Council and the Mayor to notify them of time extension for our feedback until at least our June meeting. Jordan seconded, unanimously approved.
- 5) Work Completed
 - a) Updated city website with missing agendas and minutes

- 6) Subcommittee Updates
 - a) Cemetery work group hopes to continue despite dissolved Parks Subcommittee.
Ensure flags for veterans be placed for memorial day
- 7) New Business/Commissioner Comments
 - a) Tabled discussion on new business
- 8) Adjourn
 - a) Jordan Tate motioned to adjourn at 8:21pm, Maurice seconded, approved by quorum.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jordan Tate, Chair