



City of Auburn, Maine

Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes: August 15, 2017

Roll Call: Commissioners- Jordan Tate (Chair), Maurice Keene, Johnna Flood, and Rhyanna Larose. Guests- Dave Griswold (LACFB), Rick Shea (LACFB Chair), Bjorn Lake (NOAA) and Chris _____. Auburn City Staff- Gary Wadsworth and Eric Cousens. There is a quorum.

Excused absence: Commissioners- Tizz Crowley and Charles Lafean.

Other absence: Benjamin Low

I. Lower Barker Mills Dam Relicense Discussion

- A. City of Auburn suggests filing a motion of intervention, to stay involved, receive updates, and maintain status throughout the remainder of the FERC relicensing process.
 - 1. **The Conservation Commission voted unanimously to support city filing motion of intervention.**
- B. Bjorn Lake, guest from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 - 1. NOAA Goal to restore sea-run fisheries in the Little Androscoggin
 - 2. Several dams upstream of the Lower Barker Mills dam are coming up for relicensing in the 5-10 years. To restore sea-run fisheries, upstream fish passage is needed at the Lower Barker Mills dam.
 - 3. Littlefield dam breached in the 1980s, and has been disintegrating in place. Federal government is interested in helping fund the decommissioning/potentially removal of the dam, which would be needed to restore sea-run fisheries.

II. Agriculture Resource Protection (AGRP) Study Discussion

- A. The study, which will focus on the Agricultural & Resource Protection zone that covers 40% of city land, will be conducted by Crossroads and is set to begin this fall with the formation of a stakeholder group, public interviewing, and mapping/inventory work.

III. Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board (LACFB) Update

- A. Doug Boyd (who is he) has approximately 100 small fir trees that need to be placed. The nursery could only take approximately 15 trees, but would not be able to take more without expanding the nursery into abutting properties

- B. The street tree inventory goes through October of next year, surveying can take place once equipment is provided.

The Auburn Conservation Commission meets the third Tuesday of every month at Auburn City Hall at 6pm.

The LACFB meets the third Thursday of every month at 7pm, alternating between Auburn City Hall and Lewiston Public Works.

The Auburn Parks Subcommittee meets the last Wednesday of every month Auburn City Hall at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Tate, Chair