

Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 14, 2017

Location: Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG), Auburn, Maine

Time: Meeting began at 3:30 PM

Commissioners Present: Steve French, Joe Grube, Dick Thibodeau, John Bonneau, Bob Thompson, Dave Jones, Tizz Crowley, Bethel Shields

Commissioners Absent: Michael Lachance

Others Present: Lynne Richard Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Watershed Protection Commission, Michael Broadbent Commission Secretary, Sid Hazelton Commission Clerk, K.C. Geiger President of the Board of Trustees for the Auburn Water District, Kevin Gagne Commission Clerk, Heather Hunter Commission Financial Advisor.

Commissioner Grube called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM

Agenda Item 1: Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 12, 2017

Vote 1– Motion by Commissioner Crowley and seconded by Commissioner Shields to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2017 meeting with the revisions that were suggested by Commissioner Crowley.

Passed 8 - 0

Agenda Item 2: Quarterly Financial Update – Heather Hunter

Heather went over the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures dated June 6, 2017. Heather reported that there is currently a deficit in both the operating account and in the sinking fund account. This is due to the timing of revenue received from Lewiston. Heather reported that Lewiston will make another payment after July 1, 2017.

Vote 2– Motion by Commissioner Crowley and seconded by Commissioner Bonneau to accept the financial update as written.

Passed 8 - 0

Agenda Item 3: Water Quality Update & Activity Report- Sid Hazelton

Sid went over a report prepared by Mary Jane Dillingham. Sid reported that the lake is trending normal for turbidity and algae. There is an algae bloom (mougeotia) that is occurring in the shallow water near Lake Shore Drive. Sid presented a graph that shows phosphorus contributions into the lake indicating that Townsend Brook is a significant contributor of phosphorus. Sid would like to fund an investigation that would further study the sources of phosphorus in Townsend Brook. Sid recommended that the Commissioners appropriate up to \$5,000 from the source protection account to fund this investigation.

Vote 3– Motion by Commissioner Bonneau and seconded by Commissioner Crowley to appropriate \$5,000 to fund a phosphorus investigation.

Passed 8 - 0

Sid also reported that Bates College is continuing its study of Gleo-trichia in Lake Auburn. The University of Maine at Orono will be presenting the results of the Sediment Study of Lake Auburn at either the September or December Commission meeting. The courtesy boat inspection is up and running for the summer.

Sid asked the Commissioners to consider an order to sell the Diver Assisted Suction Harvester (DASH) that the Commission owns. It is no longer cost effective for the Commission to fund the use of that boat. Sid is asking that the boat be put up for sale at the depreciated value of the boat. The asking price will be \$6,430.

Vote 4– Motion by Commissioner Shields and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the order to sell the DASH boat

Passed 8 - 0

Agenda Item 4: Education & Outreach Update – Lynne Richard

Lynne reported that she has been extremely busy with trout releases, teaching and lots of interactions with the public.

The Edward Little class of 1976 had a memory walk on Spring Rd, a fund raiser that turned out to be a big success.

391 Grant updates. Lynne reported that there are several projects in the works for the summer to wrap up the Grant.

Agenda Item 5: Open Session – Public Comments

Tizz raised the point that July is National Parks and Recreation Month and encouraged us to have a press release regarding all of the recreational opportunities we provide in the watershed.

Dave Jones asked that the Commissioners keep the Perkins Ridge Snowmobile Club on our agenda to investigate the opportunities for an alternate snowmobile trail along Spring Rd.

Vote 5– Motion by Commissioner Bonneau and seconded by Commissioner Crowley to have the Spring Road Snowmobile trail as a re-occurring agenda item until a solution is found.

Passed 8 - 0

Agenda Item 6: Potential Land Purchase – Executive Session regarding negotiations of potential land transaction in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C)

Vote 6 – Motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shields to enter into Executive Session regarding negotiations of potential land transaction in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C)

Passed 8-0

Vote 7 – Motion by Commissioner Shields and seconded by Commissioner Jones to come out of Executive Session.

Passed 8-0

Vote 8 – Motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Bonneau to have a Special Meeting June 29, 2017 at AVCOG starting at 3:30pm to further discuss additional information regarding potential land purchase.

Passed 8-0

Agenda Item 10: Adjourn Meeting

Vote 4 - Motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shields to adjourn the meeting.

Passed 8 – 0



A true record, Attest:

Michael Broadbent,

Secretary of the LAWPC

