

**BRUNSWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 12, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Amanda Bunker, Vice Chair Kurt Stinson, Steve Cohen, and Tom Rumpf

STAFF PRESENT: Jeremy Doxsee

A meeting of the Brunswick Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 in Council Chambers, 85 Union Street, 1st Floor. Chair Amanda Bunker called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

a)October 8, 2014

MOTION BY KURT STINSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2014. SECONDED BY TOM RUMPF, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AMONG THOSE PRESENT.

Conservation Commission Activities

a) Natural Resource Stewardship (no business)

- Report on invasives field work

Amanda Bunker stated that members of the Commission were able to go out to the Captain Fitzgerald knotweed patch in October; clean-up proved challenging, but they were able to make progress. Follow-up in the spring.

b) Natural Resource Inventory and Planning

- Open Space Inventory & Council Workshop

- o Outline meeting topics and questions, to provide to the Town Manager and Council, in anticipation of a Council Workshop with the Conservation Commission (to be scheduled): Workshop

- Captain Fitzgerald Park

- o Update on potential wood harvest: Amanda Bunker said that there is still ongoing discussions on wood harvest. Tom Rumpf said that the SAPPI Representative has been provided with a survey map of the property. In discussions with a local harvester, he believes that harvesting can be done commercially with no cost to the Town, but has some questions. The SAPPI representative has some questions such as maintenance of the right-of-way,

the archeological materials on the site and when they would be allowed to operate. Amanda noted that at some point they will have to quantify how much the harvest would be worth so that they could provide this information to the Town Council. Tom Rumpf said that he does not believe that the Town will make any money but to try and harvest as a non-commercial operation it would cost the Town thousands of dollars. Amanda replied it may be helpful to have people at the Council meeting that can speak to the numbers when they present.

Amanda Bunker stated that there may be a meeting on December 10th.

c) Policy & Program Development

- Brief update on status of Zoning Ordinance Rewrite process

Jeremy to draft changes as previously discussed at the 9/23/14 meeting.

d) Subcommittee Tasks (no business)

e) Coordination & Communications

- R&CW Commission update: Amanda Bunker noted that Reg Elwell has resigned from this Commission. Conservation Commission to reassess committee assignments at the beginning of the New Year.

o Potential presentation of Harbor Management Plan to the Conservation Commission?

o Appointed Conservation Commission member: Amanda Bunker to attend when possible until a new member can be appointed.

Adjourn

This meeting was adjourned at 5:00 and entered into Open Space Inventory & Council Workshop.

Attest:



Tonya Jenusaitis
Recording Secretary

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