

**BRUNSWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Amanda Bunker, Vice Chair Kurt Stinson, Steve Cohen, Sara Carr, Tom Rumpf and Sandy Stott

STAFF PRESENT: Town Planner, Jared Woolston

A meeting of the Brunswick Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 in the Meeting Room, Room 206, 85 Union Street, 2nd Floor. Chair Amanda Bunker called the meeting to order at 4:30P.M.

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes: Postponed to next meeting.

3. Coordination and Communication

a) Follow-up items

1) Captain Fitzgerald Fall Prescribed Burn: The burn has occurred and went well. Sandy Stott to revisit site to take post burn photos. Amanda Bunker suggested visiting the site with interested parties in the late spring to see how the vegetation is responding to the burn.

2) Captain Fitzgerald Interpretive Signs: Amanda Bunker showed the Commission what the interpretive signs (2) will look like and said that they may be up before frost. One sign is about the management practices and one sign pertains to the wildlife.

3) Mare Brook Watershed Management Plan: Jared Woolston clarified that this is not a management plan but a watershed assessment. Jared provided a brief overview of Mare Brook, locations in Town and the reasoning behind the need for this assessment. Jared said that this project will go through to December 2016 and encouraged members to attend the public meetings. Sandy Stott volunteered to be the Conservation Commission representative at the TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) meetings.

4. Development Review: No development review.

5. Conservation Commission Activities

a) Land Care Ordinance: Jared Woolston said that the focus will be on the use of pesticides for invasive vegetation. Staff along with the Recreation Commission and interested members of the Conservation Commission will meet sometime after Thanksgiving to discuss this further.

b) Review Possible Changes to Conservation Commission Ordinance: The Commission reviewed Amanda Bunkers markup comments of the current ordinance and passed around the Topsham and Winthrop Conservation Commission Ordinance for review. Tom Rumpf stated that it would be helpful to know what the agenda is for reviewing this ordinance. Amanda Bunker provided a brief overview on how the current direction was of the Commission was formed. Consensus among members to review the Conservation Commission mission against the ordinance and further discuss what might be useful at the next meeting.

6. Other Business:

a) ZORC Draft: Wildlife protection overlay (WPO) District

a. Section 2.3.5.C.1.(a-d): Members to review for discussion at the next meeting and provide comments.

b) December conservation meeting: December 16, 2015

Adjourn

This meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Attest:



Tonya Jenusaitis
Recording Secretary

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