

OFFICIAL MINUTES: Business Meeting
Eliot Conservation Commission
Eliot, Maine 03903

DATE: June 6, 2018
APPROVED: July 9, 2018

OFFICERS:

Chair: Kari Moore
Vice chairman: Jess O'Donoghue
Secretary: Lisa Graichen
Treasurer: Doug Warrender

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM at the Eliot Town Hall.

In attendance: Kimberly Richards, Lisa Graichen, Kari Moore, Doug Warrender; *Absent: Jess O'Donoghue, Sarah Plocharczyk*

Public input (*none present*)

Review and Approve Past Minutes:

5/2/18: Fix Ralph's last name (Morang); clarify "state data" statement (line 45); clarify line about vernal pool coloring book. Kim made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Doug seconded, no discussion, motion passed. Lisa will submit amended minutes.

Glenn still needs to get his letter in – Kari will keep checking in.

Financial Report: Doug: Nothing to report. Need receipt from Land Bank expense for Goodwin Farm. Doug: Check with Becky. Are we all set with Great Works Regional Land Trust membership? Maine Association of Conservation Commissions? Kim: Check to see if we're current with both.

Election Day 6/12: Our letter has gone up online, Lisa shared it on Facebook. Karen Young was going to be putting an op ed on conservation in the region and our citizen's option budget. Having the York Stewardship Plan in the paper was good too. Kari going to mount a map to display. Kim will bring some stuff (table, stands, other map with the focus areas drawn on, easel, banner, focus area pamphlets). Kim and Kari will be there in the morning. Set up next to the York River table. Notebook out – can write people's concerns/questions down. Let people know about our Facebook page and that we're looking for members. Kim will float all day. Kari check in with Jess and Sarah. Lisa will try to make it for 1:30-2:30pm. Our citizen's option proposal is a bit buried – make sure to point people to it directly. Lisa post on Facebook, all share. Wendy and Dana reviewed letter and approved us sending it out.

Mapping project: Lisa: Follow up with Sarah.

Vernal Pool Project: Mt. A to Sea got grant to map the region! Probably will do flyover this fall. State is doing the interpretation, then we'll get the data. At town meeting, we can tell people about this project.

Could do a sign-up sheet if people want to be kept informed. Lisa: Make a sign for our Facebook page. Kari visited vernal pool at the Meyers' property – hundreds of spotted salamander eggs, fairy shrimp, some tadpoles. Good learning pool. Kari may go out a third time for documentation.

York River Stewardship Plan: Kari, Lisa, Doug, Sarah, and Jess attended presentation at Planning Board meeting last night. Awesome information, great objectives – can help inform our conservation planning.

Development Projects Review: Nothing new to discuss. Keep an eye out for any new applications.

Old Business:

Commission bylaws: Kim submitted revised bylaws, will confirm that they were received.

Great Hill Gravel: Jess was going to check in with Dana. Doug was at recent Select Board meeting – Dana just briefed the Board. Lisa shared message from Peggy Bensinger (5/8/18), which reported notes from DEP staff person who visited the site. Revisit Maine's "inert fill" definition. Put together a summary of where we're at, figure out if anything needs to be done. Kim: Can the reclamation plan be updated?

Other enforcement-related questions: Jess had brought a couple potential enforcement issues to our attention. Lisa emailed Heather, but she's out until July 5. Lisa: Try contacting the planner.

Roundtable:

Kim: Cards for Glenn and Connie. Kari: Jay Meyer reached out – do something to honor Connie's work? Kim will think more about it.

Nothing new on town forest plan. Town Forest on Johnson Lane doesn't have a management plan. The forester who did the plan for the town forest by punkintown is willing to take a look at it and see if it needs updating. All: Read the town forest management plan.

Lisa: Send the Google Drive link again.

Next meeting would be July 4th – skip July or reschedule? Lisa can't do 7/11 but any other day that week. Kari: Email Wendy and see what's available that week

Lisa made a motion to adjourn, Kim seconded, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Graichen
Secretary, ECC

Cc: Eliot Town Clerk, Commission Members, Commission File