

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

DATE: March 4, 2020

OFFICERS:

Chair: Kari Moore

Vice Chair:

Secretary: Lisa Wise

Treasurer: Lisa Wise

1. Call:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Kari Moore. In attendance: Kari Moore (Chair), Alice Lynch (Member), Christina Karas (Member), Lynn Bubley (Member, acting secretary), Tom Dundzilla(Public)

2. Review and approve past minutes:

Meeting minutes from February 2020 were reviewed and accepted unanimously at this time.

3. Public Input: Tom reports that there is a movie at the Kittery Community Center titled Claws and Tales- Lobstering in Kittery and Kittery Point. Tom also spoke with Sarah Hooper, from the Schoodic Institute, who is an educational specialist, with a focus on the "outdoor classroom."

4. Financial Report/ Budget:

Kari has not heard back yet from the town on the proposed budget for the Conservation Commission. Kari will get in touch with Dana regarding money request. No monies have been spent this month. There is money available for education.

5. Project Development/ Permit Review:

There are no new projects to review currently.

- 100 Harold Dow Highway- Planning Board meeting held last night.

- 787 Main Street subdivision- nothing discussed

- Shiloh Farm- will be discussed at the April meeting

- 4-acre parcel- taxes not being paid. Should this land be taken as conservation land? Dana did not want us to accept the land as conservation. Not sure it is worth us taking it on. The town will own if no one pays taxes. Alice asks if there

could be a vernal pool on site, and then someone buys for development. Christina will get in touch with Dana to query access to the land

6. Open Space:

Open space behind the elementary school. Kari and Alice to meet with Bill Olsen and Shelley Bishop (code enforcement officer) and a planner who was unable to attend due to snow. This has been rescheduled to March 19, 2020. Bill talked to someone in Kittery looking for feedback on this open space. We need to draft out our section (natural resources, conservation) in this plan. Planner would write the final ordinance. More to come. Kari would like us all to look at the Open Space Plan for Eliot.

7. Education/ Outreach:

- Brown Tail Moth, Emerald Ash Borer, and ED (?) - Notice has been put out about Brown Tail Moth. Forest Service sent a notice from their Mid-coast Maine issue. Physical contact with this moth causes a rash. Report them on-line if you see them. Survey to get posted on the Town Website and the Conservation Commission page. Kari will follow up with Wendie Rawski. Last week was National Invasive Species Awareness week. 5/16-23 will be the second part the week. We could plan some sort of outreach. Alice will contact the person she knows to do an invasive species talk. Invasive species "blitz" for May. Please come with ideas. The Great Works Land Trust has a person "Sue" who does work with invasive species. Earth Day, Christina will organize an event. South Berwick will be doing something with GWLT. We need to start outreach 3-4 weeks prior. Christina will contact DPW and the Police Dept to check on their availability. Where will we do this and perhaps different committees in town might want to partner with us.

8. Vernal Pool Study:

3/28- This class will be posted to Facebook and the Town Website. Michelle and Jayne Meyer have volunteered their land for study purposes. The back update will be 4/7/20 in case of snow. Ian Trefry- DOD Amphibian and Reptile researcher, will lead the class. Kari has money to buy buckets, nets, and other supplies. Kari will print out and supply the data sheets. This class will take several hours.

9. Round Table-:

In the month of May Christina will be attending an EMT training class that will be held on Wednesdays.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 1, 2020 at 6:30 PM

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10. Meeting is adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Buble
Acting secretary
CC: Eliot Town Clerk, Commission Members, Commission File