

TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 7, 2020
6:00 P.M.
Council Room, Municipal Building

PRESENT:

Tristen Hinkle, Chairman
Sherri Vigue
Corey Hinkle
Kate Drummond
Kevin McFadden
Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Barry Sites, Vice Chairman, Corey Johnson

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

1) QUORUM:

Conservation Commission meeting called to order at 6:00 PM, quorum was present.

2) MINUTES OF THE November 5, 2019 CONSERVATION MEETINGS TO BE APPROVED:

Motion by Tristen Hinkle to approve the November 5, 2019 Conservation Committee minutes as written. Seconded by Corey Hinkle. Motion passed 5-0.

3) OLD BUSINESS:

4) NEW BUSINESS:

-Tree Plan & Review Strategic Management Plan for Skowhegan's Community Forest and discuss next steps (if Any)

-Update on Bee plan

Kevin McFadden updated Sherri on the bee keeping project which the Conservation Commission is sponsoring. He said they have started looking for the supplies now. Sherri asked if they have found a location at the school. Kevin said they are still looking for the right location.

-Trails Committee

Tristen asked if any members were a part of the Trails Committee here in town. Nobody is. She said that that committee typically meet's in Soren Siren's classroom in the mornings on the first Tuesday of each month. She said if someone would be interested in checking out one of their meetings in the near future then if would give them a better idea on what is happening on the trails. Sherri said she might be able to attend a meeting in the future. Sherri said they might want to be careful of joining into too many projects where they only have limited resources and people to volunteer. Tristen said maybe they could invite some of the members of the trails committee to their next meeting to just see what they are up to and if they are able to help in anyway. Everyone agreed to that.

Review & discuss vision, mission and long-term goals

Kate asked Sherri to give them a little background on the Conservation Commission since she has been on it the longest. Also, she asked if there had ever been a mission or long-term goal for the commission over

the years. Tristen said the mission statement that they had found was printed on the flyers that she had given them. Sherri said she joined the commission when they were doing the Whitten Brook project. She said that took a bunch of money including grants because of the size of the project. Also, it was a very involved project with DEP and DOT working on it.

Kate said maybe for the next meeting they can come up with some long-term goals they want for the commission and also a new mission statement.

5) UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES:

6) ADDITIONAL MEMBER & STAFF ITEMS:

None

Motion by Tristen Hinkle to adjourn at 6:55 pm. Seconded by Kate Drummond. Motion passed 5-0.
Next meeting scheduled for February 4, 2020

Minutes approved _____, 2020

Chairman
