

TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 3, 2020
6:00 P.M.
Skowhegan Community Center

PRESENT:

Tristen Hinkle, Chairman
Barry Sites, Vice Chairman
Corey Hinkle
Kate Drummond
Kevin McFadden
Dylan Engler (arrived at 6:15 pm)
Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Corey Johnson

PUBLIC PRESENT:

1) QUORUM:

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

2) MINUTES OF THE February 4, 2020 CONSERVATION MEETINGS TO BE APPROVED:

Motion by Tristen Hinkle to approve the February 4, 2020 Conservation Committee minutes as written.
Seconded by Kevin McFadden. Motion passed 5-0.

3) OLD BUSINESS:

Kate Drummond said she has been volunteering with the AmeriCorps program to do a winter tree identifying workshop and a track & scat workshop. She said these workshops will be free and open to the public. Kate said this is helping to train the high school Eco team kids to compete in the Envirothon. She said these events are on the Main Street Calendar online.

Barry Sites went to the Trails Committee meeting this morning and gave an update. He said that Soren Siren had 6 of his students there and he is really pushing for them to get out and get dirty. Barry said that in May Soren will be taking his seniors on his annual canoeing trip. Soren also told him that if there was someone to supervise his younger students, he would offer them up to do some trail work while he is away on that trip. Tristen said maybe they could help at Lake George with her students. Barry said that they are planning on doing things with the Lake George trails as well as the Heselton St. trails. He said the Trails Committee did get their grant so they will be putting together their gear libraries at the Rec. Center and at the Main Street office as soon as they get the checks. Then they will be signing out the tools for people to work on the trails. They are only asking that if something gets broken to please let someone know. Barry said another thing that was mentioned at the meeting was that Jason Cook was looking for help with cleaning up the riverbanks in town. Barry said that there was a young lady from the Jim Brown foundation at the meeting and she mentioned That Iver Lofving is very involved with the work being done at the Lakewood Golf Course. Kate said the Jim Brown foundation is a foundation created by the owners of Lakewood. She said they work with programs for kids and older adults who are retired to help get them outside. They have equipment such as cross-country skis they rent out to people to help get them out enjoying the golf course in the winter.

4) NEW BUSINESS:

-Review & Discuss Comprehensive Plan

Kate said she has had a chance to review the Comprehensive Plan from 2010 in regards to the Conservation Commission. She said there are some specific things listed in there for them to work on and she thinks they should all review it when they are looking for projects to do and planning their meetings. Tristan agreed that they should definitely be involved with the work on the plan when it comes about.

5) UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES:

-Any upcoming events to report or join in with.

6) ADDITIONAL MEMBER & STAFF ITEMS:

Cindy received a letter of resignation from Sherri Vigue today.

Motion by Tristen Hinkle to accept Sherri Vigue's resignation from the Conservation Commission.

Seconded by Kate Drummond. Motion passed 6-0.

Tristen said that they still need to get a 4' piece of galvanized metal for the bee hives. Cindy said they should check with Kennebec Metals on Waye St or they can check with Grimmel's.

Motion by Kate Drummond to adjourn at 6:54 pm. Seconded by Kevin McFadden. Motion passed 5-0.

Next meeting scheduled for April 2020

Minutes approved _____, 2020

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