

TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 5, 2018
6:00 P.M.
Council Room, Municipal Building

PRESENT:

Joe Dembeck, Chairman
Robert McGorty, Vice Chairman
Sherri Vigue
Corey Hinkle
Tristen Hinkle
Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Derek Ellis, Corey Johnson

PUBLIC PRESENT:

1) QUORUM:

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

2) MINUTES OF THE January 2, 2018 CONSERVATION MEETINGS TO BE APPROVED:

Motion by Joe Dembeck to approve the January 2, 2018 Conservation Committee minutes as written.
Seconded by Bob McGorty. Motion passed 5-0.

3) OLD BUSINESS:

- Upcoming events/activities for the commission

Joe said that they will be working on the Yankee woodlot cleanup soon.

-Recruitment of new members (Farmer's Market)

Cindy was able to find some old files which has the Conservation commission's mission statement and some recruitment efforts they have used in the past. Tristen said she will use these in creating a new poster.

4) NEW BUSINESS:

Joe said that given the difficulty they have had regarding getting new members, he was wondering if there was a way to put a committee on hiatus or cut back on their meetings to just an as needed basis. Cindy said she would have to check with Christine on this. Bob said he would rather meet quarterly or biannually. He also said they could also be a standing committee.

Christine came into the meeting and Joe asked if the commission was to become less than quorum. She said there isn't a general policy on what to do in that case. He also asked if they could be more of a standing committee that only meets as they are needed. She said it would depend on if they have bylaws but if they don't it is a possibility. There are other town committee's that only meet when needed. Cindy did some checking and did not find any bylaws for the Conservation Commission. Christine said if there are no bylaws or guidelines then they can certainly set their own meeting schedule. Cindy did not find any bylaws for them but she will check with Gail before the next meeting. Bob suggested meeting in August and February each year. Joe said they are also all available by email if need be. Bob said they should still keep trying to recruit new members.

Motion by Joe Dembeck to modify the Conservation Commission's meeting schedule to meet the first Tuesday of August and February each year and to allow for additional meetings on an as needed basis. Seconded by Bob McGorty. Motion passed 5-0.

5) UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES:

Joe said it is pretty quiet right now.

6) ADDITIONAL MEMBER & STAFF ITEMS:

Motion by Bob McGorty to adjourn at 6:33 pm. Seconded by Joe Dembeck. Motion passed 4-0. Next meeting scheduled for August 7, 2018.

Minutes approved _____, 2018

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