

TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
August 7, 2018  
6:00 P.M.  
Council Room, Municipal Building

PRESENT:

Robert McGorty, Chairman  
Tristen Hinkle, Vice Chairman  
Corey Hinkle  
Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Corey Johnson, Sherri Vigue

PUBLIC PRESENT:

**1) QUORUM:**

Conservation Commission meeting called to order at 6:10 PM, quorum was present.

**The Board shall organize at its first regular meeting after the annual Town Meeting, a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. Each shall be elected by a majority vote, who shall serve until the next annual meeting.**

Motion by Tristen Hinkle to nominate Bob McGorty as Chairman. Seconded by Corey Hinkle. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion by Bob McGorty to nominate Tristen Hinkle as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Corey Hinkle. Motion passed 3-0.

**2) MINUTES OF THE June 5, 2018 CONSERVATION MEETINGS TO BE APPROVED:**

Motion by Tristen Hinkle to approve the June 5, 2018 Conservation Committee minutes as written. Seconded by Bob McGorty. Motion passed 3-0.

**3) OLD BUSINESS:**

- New member recruitment

Tristen said she had updated some information and she isn't sure if that was the one that was posted. She will forward it to Cindy. Bob said he would like to continue looking for members even though they are only going to be meeting twice a year. He also understands that Barry Sites is interested in joining which is great. He said that he just doesn't want to have too many people join and not have any projects for them to work on. Cindy said the other thing they could look at is sponsoring an event if they don't have something specific that they are working on. Bob said they have money that they can use to sponsor something. Tristen said that the Marti Stevens school is planning on doing an invasive species event this fall and that could be something that the commission sponsors if they wanted to. Her class is working on doing the virtual presentations and it looks like it is going to be more of an invasive species carnival for them to share their information. She said they are looking to do this in November before the now flies. Bob asked if this is something that they could help sponsor. Cindy said yes but she would have to know ahead of time so they can submit the funds request to the Selectmen. Bob suggested that they could look into doing t-shirts for all of the kids as a type of reward for them and it could say sponsored by the Conservation Commission to help get their name out there. Cindy suggested that they could have a meeting in October to finalize what they want to do. Everyone agreed that they would like to do that. Corey said he likes the idea of the t-shirts. Tristen said she can have the kids work on a design for them. Bob said they could also look at doing a sponsorship for their spring event that they do with the middle school as well. It will be a good way spread the word about the commission as well.

Motion by Bob McGorty to hold their next meeting on October 2, 2018. Seconded by Tristen Hinkle. Motion passed 3-0.

**4) NEW BUSINESS:**

-Setting meeting dates for bi-annual meetings

Bob said that they just need to confirm that their 2 chosen meeting dates per year will be the first Tuesday in August and the first Tuesday in February. They will also have the option to hold additional meetings as needed if they have something they are working on.

Motion by Bob McGorty to schedule their bi-annual meeting dates per year for the first Tuesday in August and the first Tuesday in February and to allow for additional meetings as needed. Seconded by Tristen Hinkle. Motion passed 3-0.

**5) UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES:**

Corey said that the fair is in town soon and they could get some flyers up there to hand out. Tristen said she can get some printed off for that.

**6) ADDITIONAL MEMBER & STAFF ITEMS:**

Bob said that Sherri had submitted an email asking if there is a way for them to vote on things for the commission remotely such as by email. Bob said that he had discussed this with Cindy and it was determined that they cannot do that because the meetings that they hold are public meetings and they have to be recorded. Tristen asked about video conferences instead. Cindy said that wouldn't work either according to the town manager. Bob said he will let Sherri know that it isn't a possibility because it has to be done as a public meeting.

Motion by Corey Hinkle to adjourn at 6:35 pm. Seconded by Tristen Hinkle. Motion passed 3-0. Next meeting scheduled for October 2, 2018.

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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Chairman

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