

**Harpwell Conservation Commission
Minutes
October 5, 2016**

Opened Meeting: 3:10 PM.

Roll Call: Mary Ann Nahf, Deirdre Strachan, Wendy Batson, Sue Vachon, Ann Nemrow, Paul Ciesielski, Burr Taylor.

Approval of 9/21/2016 Minutes: The minutes were approved unanimously, with one correction.

Announcements:

Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association: (MOFDA)

M. Nahf reported that the Common Ground Fair Panel Workshop on Organic Pesticide Certification was well received by Fair attendees.

Planning Board Items of Interest:

- Mark Eyerman continues to present minor changes for clarification and consistency between the Town ordinances. All changes to be voted on at the next Annual Meeting.
- M. Nahf mentioned the 10/19 agenda includes a request to change a residential use to a commercial use. It was deemed of no particular interest to HCC. She will continue, however, to monitor future PB. agendas and bring items of interest to the attention of the Commission where relevant.

Updates:

New Meadows Watershed Partnership: (NMWP)

M. Nahf, held a tel. conference with another member of the steering committee to determine a future course of action for the group.

- Background: Fifteen years ago NMWP was formed in order to make use of the availability of clean water funds for remediation of non-point runoff of phosphorus into fresh water bodies.
- Today's goal, however, is for the coalition to concentrate on removal of tidal restrictions resulting from SLR by installing larger culverts and, in some cases, removing dams.
- All members are asked to present their projects of interest at the November meeting. The treasury balance is \$15,000.00, accrued from annual fees of \$1,000.00 from the member towns along the river.
- D. Strachan pointed out that, in the event of a decline of interest by NMWP members, the valuable accumulation of information should be available to interested member groups such as HCC.

2017 Budget:

W. Batson presented the final budget with a few changes, including a 2.3 goal to include collaboration with NNMWP; the increase in 4.2 funds; wording for 6.6 and a title change to "Work Plan and Budget for 2017." The updated amount is \$2,070. Amended copies will be e-mailed to members.

Motion: To approve the 2017 budget as discussed.

Voted: The motion passed unanimously. **Bowdoin Internship:**

D. Strachan suggested that subjects for possible internship projects should be varied and comply with curricular topics of interest. M. Nahf and D. Strachan will choose topics and define the scope of the work. to be done. \$1,000.00 has been budgeted for an intern.

List of Road Associations:

B. Taylor suggested that only road associations in the areas affected by future SLR need be listed. Copies of the list to date were handed out. It was noted that the road associations are either formal (state certified) or informal/ad hoc.

Outreach:

P. Ciesielski suggested a table be set up at polling places on election day to ask voters the names of their respective road associations. Another suggested that the Town Hall location would be profitable to catch residents while paying their taxes. More to be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjourned: 4:35 PM.

Meetings: 10/19, 11/02 and 11/16 at 3:00 PM.

Scribe: Ann Nemrow.