

Winterport Conservation Commission  
October 26, 2023  
Minutes

1. Call To Order - Mary Anne Royal called the meeting to order at 6:00
2. Roll Call Attendance - Lily Calderwood, Kelsey Sullivan, Mary Anne Royal and Guest Ken Strickland
3. Additions to Agenda - none
4. Approve Agenda - Motion to approve agenda, KS, 2nd LC, unanimous.
5. Approve August Meeting Minutes -Motion to approve minutes as presented, KC, 2nd MAR, 2 approved, 1 abstention.
6. Old Business
  - a. Sign update - Tabled
  - b. Forest Management Plan - Ken Strickland reviewed the area to be harvested; need to determine if harvesting will be put out to bid or if Town Manager can contract with an individual after a review of proposals; Ken advised the Commission be involved in review of proposals and contract stipulations; need to address issues of integrity, history of other wood lot harvesting, and marketing ability; recommend that Ken review bids/proposal/contract for the former; MAR will meet with Town Manager to determine how best to move forward after we have reviewed Ken's report; Issues to be addressed are: set up of a wood yard; would more than one be needed; Ken's report will identify what to cut what to leave; Ken will send his report to us for initial review; we will take final report to Town Council for further action; Ken recommends putting bid out in late spring and will be available to show interested parties the area to be harvested; Ken will provide samples of language to be used in setting up an RFP for bids; questions about impact on blueberry lease/operation, LC will follow-up with Josh Dickson to begin a conversation.
  - c. Blueberry harvest - no check received as yet.
  - d. Trails maintenance - Kelsey reviewed bids for a chainsaw and consensus was to purchase the Makita; Town Manager gave permission to the Commission for use of brush cutter; Kelsey will set up a trail clearing work date; MAR presented information about spray paints used by foresters and consensus to order recommended paint.
  - e. Airport campground issues - in progress
  - f. Conservation projects at Smith and Wagner schools - MAR met with Wagner principal and is awaiting a date to meet with staff.

7. New Business

- a. Volunteer Maine-Maine Service Fellow  
<http://volunteermaine.gov/programs/service-fellows-community>
- b. Penobscot Estuary Beneficial Environmental Projects Trust  
[https://www.penobscotriversremediation.com/files/ugd/065061\\_efafb4cc280b454db2c9e5551d0a85ba.pdf](https://www.penobscotriversremediation.com/files/ugd/065061_efafb4cc280b454db2c9e5551d0a85ba.pdf) - LC will review and determine if this is doable given the December 31 deadline.
- c. Recreational Trails Grant  
[https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/grants/recreational\\_trails\\_program.shtml](https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/grants/recreational_trails_program.shtml)

8. Next Meeting - Meeting will move to the 3rd Tuesday of each month to avoid conflict with Town Council meetings

9. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn, KS, 2nd LC, unanimous; meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Mary Anne Royal \_\_\_\_\_

Alan Cohen \_\_\_\_\_

Kelsey Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_

Lily Calderwood \_\_\_\_\_

Jeremy Paxton \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved: November 28, 2023