

Minutes: Hallowell Conservation Commission

Tuesday December 5, 2017 - 7pm - Hallowell City Hall

Present: Rosemary Presnar, Chair, Jon Lund, Ben Godsoe, Cathie Murray, Deb Sewall, Karen Simpson, Secretary

A. Call to Order: November minutes approved: Cathie Murray, seconded by Deb Sewall

B. January meeting will be rescheduled from January 2 to January 9 due to City Council inaugural meeting

C. Election of Officers for 2018

- Rosemary Presnar was unanimously reelected as Chair of the Commission
- Karen Simpson was reelected as secretary

D. Jamie Pond Follow-up

- Hunting regulations and IFW harvesting plans posted in kiosk
- Keel has been apprised of our dog walking concerns and its negative impact on wildlife

E. Stevens Commons updates - expect draft conservation easement from KLT in early January

F. Brownfields Committee Updates (Ben)

- Committee is using assessment phase of this project to develop a list of potential contaminated sites in Hallowell
- Question of best approach: lots of small projects vs one big flagship project
- HCC will ask Committee to prioritize properties based on impact on natural resources, open space and public access

G. Recreation Commission (Cathie)

- City Council will provide the HCC with an official form to request funding for a survey of the Town Forest (aka The Res) in the 2018 budget
- Cathie has raised the question of hunting ordinance changes. The current map that shows permitted bow hunting properties is outdated. For example, the map shows that bow hunting is allowed in Vaughan Woods. It was, before the the current Conservation Easement made the property off limits to hunters
- A new map will review all properties and may require updated permission from land owners
- The current bow hunting ordinances will remain in effect for the remainder of 2017 and will be reconsidered prior to the next season

H. September 2017-June 2018 Priorities: Continue to work on above items (Jamies Pond trail cleanup after harvest, Stevens Commons conservation easement) NPS project for the RES and update Open Space Inventory. Support and work with the city on Down With The Crown; spring activities and events at the Res

I. City Council Meeting coverage: December 11 - Cathie; January 8 - Deb; February 12 - Karen

Meeting adjourned: 8:55

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Simpson, Secretary