

Minutes: Hallowell Conservation Commission

Tuesday April 3, 2018 - 7pm - Hallowell City Hall Auditorium

Present: Deb Sewall, acting chair; Sarah Shed, Ben Godsoe, Jon Lund, Rosemary Presnar, Karen Simpson, Secretary

A. Call to Order: March minutes approved: Sarah; second: Ben

B. Facilitator for April 03 meeting

Rosemary agreed to continue to serve as Chairman of the Conservation Commission. She has asked HCC members to assist her by creating the monthly agenda, sending the agenda and minutes to Commission members and facilitating meetings. Deb is performing these duties for the April 3rd meeting

C. Stevens Common Conservation Easement

- The official conservation easement for the Effie L. Berry Conservation Area was signed on Wednesday, March 28 at Howard Lake's office in Winthrop.
- Rosemary has contacted Minute Man Signs to create informative signs for the kiosk at the entrance to the Effie L. Berry Conservation Area. The first sign, naming the field, will be printed on metal, fronted with plexiglas and will be completed and installed by the dedication on April 22. Additional information will be added at a later date when KLT, the Mayor, the City Manager and the City Council have had an opportunity to work together, and agree on, the appropriate text.
- The official dedication will be on Sunday, April 22 (Earth Day) at 12:30 and will include speakers who have worked on making this acquisition happen: the Conservation Commission, KLT, the City of Hallowell and Matt Morrill.

D. Rail Trail kiosk

Karen will update the rail trail kiosk with monthly information about natural/historic features of interest along the rail trail. Conservation Commission activities and relevant community events will also be posted.

E. NPS - Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

The working group of Res stakeholders will continue to meet monthly prior to the HCC meeting. Minutes will be available separately.

F. Jamies Pond follow-up

Rosemary will check with Keel on the status of the work at Jamies Pond and report back to the Commission.

G. Ongoing Projects and Priorities:

- Continue to work on Jamies Pond trail cleanup after harvest,
- Define next steps after the Stevens Commons conservation easement is approved, including who will be responsible for setting pins to define the exact boundaries of the property.
- Work with City Manager and the City Council to include funding for a Res survey in the annual budget
- Continue monthly NPS meetings for the RES and update Open Space Inventory.
- Support and work with the city on Down With The Crown. Possible events include talks by geologist Bob Marvinney about the geologic history of Hallowell, and by the Natural Resources Council about how the Clean Water Act changed the Kennebec River, a program on bats, and an invasive removal activity such as "Bamboo and Brews". Migratory bird walks will be scheduled at the Res

J. City Council Meeting coverage: April 09 - Sarah; May 07 - Ben

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 Respectfully submitted, Karen Simpson, Secretary

Next meeting HCC: May 1 - 7:00pm; NPS - RTCA meeting at 5:30.