Lisbon Conservation

Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 - Railroad Station – 6:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by Katrine Barclay

| Present: | |
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| Katrine Barclay "KB" | Rosalind Page "RP" |
| Robert Cook "RC" | Mark Roberts "MR" |
| Becky Lockwood "BL" | Absent: Gary Ghioto "GG" |
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Quorum present: Yes

- 1. Approved Minutes from Conservation Commission Meeting 09/26/2023.
- 2. Approved Minutes from Conservation Commission Meeting 10/24/2023.
- 3. Business old/new
 - A. NHACC Annual Conference Report out from BL and RP
 - i. Conference was well attended, and all classes were good, RP has gone for years, BL said she would go again in the future.
 - ii. Some CCs support their local land trusts. What is Lisbon CC's position on support of local land trusts? We determined that reviewing case by case requests for support by any land trust that has projects in Lisbon will determine what support we offer.
- 4. Community Engagement/Growth Initiative
 - A. Update on possible town Mural. This is an idea for a spring newsletter article. The idea would be to raise awareness in the town of our natural resources and community connectivity to lands. If other town groups were to participate, the CC would provide Natural Resource component. GG to follow-up. Update next meeting.
 - B. Kayak access on the Ammonoosuc.
 - i. RP and GG to look at some town owned lands for "put-in/out" locations upstream of the dam.
 - ii. Selectboard Chair, Scott Champagne, is supportive of CC seeking out funding
 - iii. Lions Club Rep, Scott Champagne, supports using land on river by Lions Club that has unofficially been used for kayak in/out with some upgrade with CC spearheading.

- C. Update on a Dark Sky event in Landaff (May'24) location Blue School update next meeting from GG.
- D. Plan for working with teachers at Lisbon School for events in Spring/Summer '24
 - a. MR reported on what is a BioBlitz. MR will contact teachers to discuss an event and creating a butterfly and pollinator gardens.
 - i. Looking at apps like iNaturalist, wants to deepen the experience to more thorough observation so that it doesn't just become a race.
 - ii. KB will determine which teachers might be interested based on feedback from school presentation in June '23.
 - b. MR plans to explore grants to provide binoculars for use by the school. In process.
 - c. For composting BL will talk with Scott Champagne on feasibility of a project before exploring ideas with Lee Veilleux at the Transfer Station.
 - i. BL spoke with Selectboard Chair, Scott Champagne, who noted it is worth a discussion as people have been asking about it. The caveat would be that it doesn't increase hours or cost at the Transfer Station AND Lyman and Landaff would need to get onboard.
 - ii. KB will talk to Meadowstone Farm about the grant they received to have a large composter on the farm.
 - iii. BL will research other towns that have composting at their transfer stations.
 - iv. Scott Champagne noted that compost could be used for downtown open space area improvements and potentially a community garden
 - d. Community garden establishment was discussed. First step is a list of town properties. RP will add to town property list project. The location will need access to water. Update is that there is support from the Selectboard pending some possible locations that are being reviewed.
- E. LAC update & PFAS questions. Note: LAC which is actually Ammonoosuc River Management Local Advisory Committee (ARMLAC) is paying attention to this issue. RC will let us know of anything re: PFAS from the ARMLAC meetings. This is a big regional issue, that we can pay attention to, but is beyond the scale of our CC. The CC will review any requests for support of this issue and respond on a case-by-case basis.
- 5. Confirm Next Meeting Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

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