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Calais Conservation Commission Minutes
5/6/2015 - Calais town office

Present: Julie Hand, Drew Lamb, Grant Ornstein, Neal Maker (recorder)

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.
- April meeting minutes were discussed and approved.
- The conservation fund's balance was recorded at ____

- Natural Resources Inventory
 - Drew reported on the status of the public information request for the inventory. He and Matt Peters wrote up the request and posted it on the town website. Drew also advertised on Front Porch Forum and has received several responses from residents.
 - Grant suggested posting the request in public spaces as well, to reach residents who might not see the online version. Neal will post at the Maple Corner Store, Grant will post at the Adamant Coop, and Drew will post at the East Calais Store and the town office.
 - The information request will likely result in a round table discussion so Matt can gather information directly from respondents. Other people who are knowledgeable about significant natural areas will be invited to that discussion as well.

- Executive Session
 - An executive session was voted in at 7:25 to discuss confidential real estate matters. It was concluded at 7:55.

- Town Plan Action Steps
 - Several action steps were discussed to clarify their intent, and members talked about how to go about completing them. Everyone present agreed that members should work in small groups on individual steps or groups of steps.
 - Each member should come to the next meeting with two or three action steps that they would like to work on. Working groups can then be formed based on common interest.

- Other business
 - The May 11th Select Board meeting will address the Town Plan and the Commission should try to have a presence there. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30pm.
 - The Commission currently has only five members. A Front Porch Forum posting was made recently to recruit for all the open town offices, but Commission members decided to reach out to individuals in person as well to try and increase membership.

- The next meeting is scheduled for June 3rd at 7:00 pm at the town office.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.