

## Calais Conservation Commission – Draft Minutes

Feb 9 2017

Present- Larry Bush, Neal Maker, Drew Lamb, Julie Hand, Stephanie Kaplan, Lou Cherry, Grant Orenstein-minutes.

7:12Pm

1-Agenda revisions - added RPC energy survey.

2-Jan. Minutes Revision- places to post notices- Maple Corner and East Calais stores, Front Porch Forum, Town website, Town Office. Neal made a correction concerning his opinion about managing forests.

Minutes approved as amended.

3- CC Fund Balance ?

4- Lakes and Streams newsletter budget. Selectboard has cut the funds from the budget.

Conference call with Noreen Bryan of the Lakes & Streams Committee. Discussions of the best ways to do outreach to people, especially those who live on the ponds, to educate them about what they can do to protect the water and the shorelines. Internet, print? Noreen elaborated on the history. It was agreed that a survey on how effective the newsletter is should be included in the next newsletter. The Committee still has some money in its fund and the CC is considering recommending a one time allotment of funds from the Conservation Fund to share the costs of one newsletter with the Committee. Noreen will come up with a requested amount and time frame for that.

5-Matt Peters- Gave a summary of his work on Phase 2 and his report. The full report is 80 pages, he covered a lot. Focused on the east side of Town. Phase 2 overlapped with phase 1. This phase increased the number of wetlands, natural features, rare and uncommon species.

Matt's presentation of his findings is now planned to be scheduled for March 9th at MCC , pending availability. Julie will contact MCC and finalize soon.

6. – CC presentation at Town Meeting. Discussions on how to present the Maps of conserved lands, listing the benefits of conserving them.

7- revising the CC Fund guidelines- deferred to next meeting.

Next meeting March 1.

Adjourn 9:18 pm