

CAMDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Draft Minutes of Meeting –August 13, 2014

Members present: Carla Ferguson, Tom Hopps, Doug Johnson (Chair), Robin Kern, Kristen Lindquist, Roger Rittmaster

Others present: Dorie Klein (left early) and Saskia Huising with Snow Bowl concerns and with tannery property concerns, Tom Reseck, Elisabeth Schwan, Eleanor Masin-Peters, Evelyn and Jim Hughes.

Doug called meeting to order at 7.

Kristen was welcomed as a new member.

Minutes of the meeting of July 2 were approved, corrected as follows: page 1, line 17, Megunticook Watershed Association membership \$100, page 2, line 14, Stumps from recently felled trees, larger., line 18 .. indicating various .., line 35 overall project director, line 38 Tom volunteered to not submit his letter to the news media, page 3, line 9 Mitch Kihn of Mid-Maine Forestry.

Robin asked that \$150 annual dues to Maine Association of Conservation Commissions be paid from budget. Approved.

Tannery Property Sale Issue - Doug read background material re: sale of property by the Town. Neighbors present expressed their concerns about sale of property to an ambulance service. Robin noted that an ambulance operation contiguous to the RiverWalk is injurious to the concept of the RiverWalk.

Snow Bowl Development – Saskia Huising presented observed evidence of trees being felled at the Snow Bowl inconsistent with the Forest Management Plan and the Development plan. She also noted observed recent erosion control failures and heavy silting of Hosmer Brook.

Doug reported meeting with Town Manager Pat Finnigan, July 30, concerning erosion control at the Snow Bowl during which she said:

- a) On 7/28/14 rain brought more silt into Hosmer Pond. People at the Pond are unhappy.
- b) The Town has not yet satisfied all DEP erosion control failure remediation measures, but is getting there.
- c) Gartley + Dorsky Engineering has their soil scientist, Dave Marceau, check erosion control features before and after each rain.
- d) Trail work is to be done in September.
- e) Remaining trees on the mountain slated for removal are to be ground up 'in situ', stumps too.

Doug also reported learning from his review of the Planning Board minutes of 3/19/14 that Will Gartley of Gartley + Dorsky Engineering and Surveying, explained that "as they did when the previous Snow Bowl project involved severe

cutting, Gartley +Dorskey will visit the site daily to inspect the work so immediate action can be taken to address concerns and work can be stopped if time is needed to engineer solutions to problems". Doug noted the responsibility was declared in March 2014, well before the erosion control failure of 6/13/14.

Roger proposed that he and Doug meet with Landon Fake to present this Commission's concerns over what is happening in Snow Bowl development. Approved. Doug will arrange for meeting to take place before August 27.

Vernal pool and Comprehensive Plan work postponed to next meeting.

Dorie Klein invited CCC members to attend the annual Hosmer Pond Association meeting at the Snow Bowl, 6pm pot-luck, 7pm meeting, August 21. She said all aspects of the Snow Bowl and the Pond will be discussed.

Roger announced the next Nature Walk is scheduled for Sept 6, 10-12, probably at Harkness Preserve.

Next meeting: 7pm, August 27, 2014 WSCR.

Meeting adjourned 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Hopps, Secretary