

CAMDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Draft Minutes of Meeting - September 3, 2014  
Tucker Room-Camden Opera House

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

Member not present: Carla Ferguson

Visitor: Tom Resek, Tannery property activist

Doug called meeting to order at 7pm.

Tom read the minutes of the meeting of August 13. With one correction (annual dues to Maine Association of Conservation Commissions \$195) minutes were approved.

Treasurer Robin will write to Town Manager requesting increasing our annual allotment to \$500 from General Fund and releasing money from our Reserve Fund for honoraria for experts engaged to accompany CCC-sponsored Nature Walks.

Doug asked Robin to research the propriety of this Commission donating money to non-profit organizations.

Tannery Property issue - Tom Resek reported on his neighborhood group's opposition to the ambulance company's purchase of the property. The ambulance company withdrew their interest today and the neighborhood group urges the land's future as a park. The Select Board has written a straw vote to be on the ballot for public to show interest for commercial or park use of the property. Kristen raised issue of safety re: contained pollution at the site for a playground and was asked by Doug to research it with the Town Manager,. Consensus of members present seemed to favor site use that would favor the adjacent River Walk.

Snow Bowl development - Doug and Roger met with Landon Fake this morning to share this Commission's concerns about erosion control and tree-taking. Roger suggests a regular information-sharing meeting to be chaired by this Commission to include Landon and selected interested parties.

Roger announced Nature Walk, Sept. 6, 10-12 at Harkness Preserve in Rockport to be followed by Commission members walk of 22Tacks Trail for inspection.

Kristen is doing a bird list at River Walk which prompted the suggestion that a nature walk be scheduled at River Walk.

Next meeting scheduled for September 24, 7pm WSCR.

Meeting adjourned 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Hopps, Secretary