

CAMDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting - November 11, 2015
Washington Street Conference Room

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

Members not present: Carla Ferguson, Tim Wooster

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

Tom Hopps read the minutes of the previous meeting (Oct.7). They were approved with one correction in the first line under Emerald Ash Borer: delete "a representative of Maine Association of Conservation Commissions" and insert "the Director of Project Canopy of Maine Forest Service"

Old Business:

EMERALD ASH BORER

In his talk with the Director of Project Canopy, Doug learned that the Town of Yarmouth (ME) has a plan to address the coming-to-Maine of the noxious insect. He talked with the contact person in Yarmouth who said "its not a question of 'if' but 'when' the borer will arrive. Yarmouth has inventoried public ash trees in their town and posted awareness-raising signs about the borer on some conspicuous trees.

There is an organic pesticide that protects ash trees for two years.

Doug will inventory public ash trees in Camden with the help of other CCC members starting in January, 2016 to complete by March, 2016. CCC will then make a proposal to the Town Select Board by June, 2016.

NATURE WALKS

Roger reported the last Walk was attended by at least 50 people and that he had spent about \$330 for experts during 2015. Robin will ask for \$500 for this in 2016 from the Reserve Account.

Doug will lead the first Nature Walk(featuring trees) in 2016.

New Business:

Roger will introduce himself to the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions as new Chair of the Camden Conservation Commission.

Landon Fake had suggested to Roger possible areas of interest that CCC might want to address. We reviewed these suggestions. One area was the public Bog between Pearl and Elm streets. Members of CCC will tour the Bog this winter to assess possible action.

Roger will follow up with Pat Finnegan and/or Landon Fake on Landon's suggestions.

Also Roger will invite Steve Wilson to our next meeting.

The next meeting will be January 13, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted , Tom Hopps, Secretary