

CAMDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of Meeting - October 7, 2015  
Washington Street Conference Room

Members present: Doug Johnson (Chair), Kristen Lindquist, Robin Kern, Tom Hopps, Roger Rittmaster, Tim Wooster  
Member not present: Carla Ferguson

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

Tom Hopps read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were then approved.

No Treasurer's report.

#### NEW MEMBER

Tim Wooster was welcomed as a new member.

#### ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT

Doug, having served as Chair for 15 years, submitted his resignation from the post. He will remain a member.  
When asked, Roger agreed to serve as Chair. Approval was unanimous. He will assume his new role at the close of this meeting.  
Doug was thanked for his years of devoted leadership .

#### SNOW BOWL PROJECT

Roger reported on his meeting with Pat Finnegan about the status of this project His report of that meeting is attached

Roger will arrange an on-site meeting with Lee Schneller to discuss her findings. (Post-meeting Note: I spoke with Lee Schneller by telephone on October 8. She was tied up with her work and had not visited the Snow Bowl recently).

In her research into DEP procedure in cases similar to their involvement with the Snow Bowl expansion, Robin found their regulations varied and flexible.

One example she found that is somewhat representative of the DEP action with the Snow Bowl is DEP vis -a -vis the Town of Kennebunk, ME in February 2015. It follows: DEP found that the Town of Kennebunk violated:

“the Natural Resources Protection Act by removing sand and rock, placing fill and removing vegetation from a coastal sand dune area without obtaining a DEP permit first and the Erosion and Sedimentation Control law by engaging in “an activity that involves filling, displacing, or exposing soil or other earthen materials without taking measures to prevent unreasonable erosion of soil or sediment beyond the project site or into a protected natural resource.”

DEP inspection detailed these activities. Subsequently, the Town of Kennebunk created a plan to completely restore the sand dune area. DEP approved this plan. The plan was carried out.

Pursuant to this agreement, the Town of Kennebunk must “monitor the restoration areas to ensure that a 90% survival rate is achieved for all vegetation species and to replace all dead or dying species within the restoration areas until a 90% survival rate is achieved, or until September 2017, whichever comes first.”

A \$3,403 penalty was paid by the town.

#### EMERALD ASH BORER

Doug talked with a representative of the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions and found that Yarmouth and Portland have plans to control EAB.

Roger talked to Bret Willard at Merryspring Nature Park and found they have not addressed the concern except the broader concern of Invasive Pests will be addressed at a workshop at Merryspring weeks from now, October 24.

#### TOWN TREE INVENTORY

Doug presented the Town Tree inventory completed in 1994. Roger asked Doug to draft a proposal to update that survey concentrating on the Ash trees.

#### MILKWEED FOR MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

Since it has been found that even small patches of milkweed are adequate for Monarch butterfly genesis it was suggested Town land

be used to create some patches. Pat Finnegan had told Roger, he said, that the town was considering accommodating butterfly pollination at Ragged Mountain.

Next meeting will be November 11, 7 pm, WSCR (if available, otherwise Kay Tucker Room at the Opera House)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted, Tom Hopps, Secretary