

CAMDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING 09/25/2013

Minutes of meeting held September 25, 2013, from 7:15 to 8:30 PM

Camden Conservation Commission (CCC) members present: Doug Johnson (chairman), Roger Rittmaster, Robin Kern, Carla Ferguson

Excused members: Barbara Melchiskey

Guests: Nancy Caudle-Johnson, Tree City USA

Steve Wilson, town planner

OLD BUSINESS:

- The minutes of the meeting held on 09/04/13 were approved unanimously and without correction.
- Steve Wilson described some of the goals of the Planning Board, such as making the Comprehensive Plan more user-friendly. He also said that the Planning Board would like to make use of the CCC's Land Inventory Map (a map of conserved lands and publicly owned lands, 2006). It was felt that the map needed to be updated. Steve would like the CCC to delineate what land has been preserved since 2006.
- Doug would like to invite Marina Schaffler to the next meeting. Along with Coastal Mountains Land Trust (CMLT), she created the map and, in Doug's words, was the driving force behind the map.
- Roger stated that he had spoken with Scott Dickerson of CMLT, who said that a high priority for CMLT is preserving lands around the Snow Bowl. Roger also said that he could take the map to CMLT and have them help in updating it. Carla said that she would do the same with Maine Farmland Trust.
- Plans are becoming more concrete as to the nature walks. The plan as it now exists, as described by Roger, is that there will be monthly walks at the Snow Bowl, taking place on the first Saturday of each month, from 10 to noon, co-sponsored by the CCC and CMLT. Both CMLT members and Maine Master Naturalists will be notified of these walks. Roger will put public notices of these walks in the paper.
- Nancy Caudle-Johnson reported that she and Robin had met to finalize a nomination form for the Heritage Tree Program, and that the form is near completion. This form will be made available to the public at the Town Office. There was discussion of having an online nomination form as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Carla reported her concern as to toxic exposures from tannery property toxins, stemming from recent bridge work done by the state.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 30 at 7 PM.

Submitted by Robin Kern, secretary.