Readfield Conservation Commission Minutes
March 19, 2018, 6:30 pm, Town Office (postponed from March 12 due to weather)
Approved April 10, 2018

Present: Jerry Bley, Bruce Hunter, Tim Sniffen, Brent West (quorum is four due to alternate memberships)
Not present: Greg Durgin, Marty Hanish, Greg Leimbach, Bob Mohlar, Andy Walsh

Minutes from February meeting were approved as amended. Agenda was reviewed.

New Business

RCC Annual Report

Draft report was reviewed and simplified. Bruce H will revise and submit to Robin Lint.

Request for Proposals – Readfield Trail Infrastructure Project

We reviewed Brent W's draft RFP and made some minor reorganization of content. Jerry will check with Eric Dyer regarding a state contract agreement.
Site visit dates need to be set. We will need to check the permit by rule for allowed completion dates. There was brief discussion of the source of lumber for project.

Jerry moved we approve the draft RFP in substance, and his motion carried. Brent will make revisions and the revised format will be sent to the RCDF and Town Manager after further discussion at our April meeting.

GIS mapping

We discussed Don Rahmlow's offer to assist with map updates or other GIS work. Possible needs might include boundaries at the Town Forest, Torsey Pond Nature Preserve, other properties. To be discussed again at April meeting.

Old Business

Town Forest footbridge replacement

We have placed a lumber order with Tim Pepper of Fayette. He plans to mill cedar during the April mud season, making up the lumber list given us by Jean Luc Theriault of KLT for rebuilding the oldest footbridge in the Town Forest. Tim Pepper will notify us when order is complete.

Vernal pool inventory

Jerry B and Bruce will meet to discuss next steps toward wrap-up. Tim S offered to help. We noted that the Kennebec Land Trust Lyceum talk for March 29 will be on vernal pools.

Town Forest survey of nesting hawks

No calls or sightings of hawks so far this spring.

Open Space Plan

As reported in last month's minutes, Brent W has reviewed the 2006 OSP and made general recommendations for ongoing implementation of the plan. We reviewed his recommendations and discussed the Augusta Water District land in east Readfield as open space which should be protected. Jerry B will let Brian Tarbuck of AWD know about this long standing interest.

We should all read or review the OSP, keeping it active.

Fairgrounds Loop Trail

Jerry B will work this spring with a high school senior constructing a trail to the pulling stone area, perhaps during spring break. To be discussed at April meeting.

Meeting adjourned approx 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Tim Sniffen