

Readfield Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 10, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Town Office
Approved May 8, 2018

Present: Greg Durgin, Martin Hanish, Bruce Hunter, Bob Mohlar, Tim Sniffen, Brent West

Not present: Jerry Bley, Greg Leimbach, Andy Walsh

Agenda was rearranged to take up RFP discussion at opening of meeting.

Minutes were approved as amended.

Old Business:

Request for Proposals – Readfield Trails Infrastructure Project

Brent W. has revised the RFP as discussed in March meeting, and is almost ready to send it to Town Manager Eric Dyer.

Specified completion dates for some of the work (esp. the observation platform in the shoreline zone) may need clearance by Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Shoreline work may need to be completed between July 15th and Sept 15th.
To do:

- 1) Bruce H. will check with Eric D. re Town permitting (Town building permit and shoreline zone permit from Town CEO or Planning Board)
- 2) Brent W. will check on state IF&W clearance.
- 3) Jerry B. will work on DEP permitting (hopefully simply permit-by-rule).
- 4) We will then submit to Town Manager for review and implementation.

We hope Eric D. will help with sending out the RFP, meeting requirements for town contracts, and public notices.

Goals: Send out RFP to contractors by early May. Site visits for contractors by mid May. Bids back in to Town by _____.

Town Forest Footbridge

We reviewed funding for footbridge materials in current budget. We expect lumber to be milled this month by Tim Pepper, Fayette. We will ask him to deliver to Town Farm homestead clearing if he is able.

Open Space Plan review (see March minutes)

Bruce H. will ask Robin Lint to make two color copies of plan to maintain our supply.

GIS work

Trails Comm. may have work for Don Rahmlow who has offered GIS help to the Town. We are not clear on how the RCC might use his kind offer.

Fairgrounds Loop Trail

Jerry B. will follow through on this when appropriate.

New Business:

Town Solar Energy Project

Bruce Bourgoine, Selectboard Chair, will be setting up a committee to work on this project. He may want 2 representatives from the RCC. We expect to hear more from him or the Town Manager.

Spring Student Community Service Day

RCC will not be using students for a spring workday this year. Greg D. suggested considering a fall workday with Maranacook Community School students.

“Trail” signs

New signs for trail entrances at Torsey Pond Nature Preserve and Fogg Farm Conservation Area are awaiting installation. Tim will complete the posts and ask for assistance when the ground thaws enough for posthole digging.

Kennebec Land Trust letter

We briefly discussed the recent KLT letter to the Town describing their work and the property tax system under which they operate.

Year-end Spending

Tim reminded the committee that we still have unspent funds in this year's budget which can be used until late June.

Meeting adjourned around 8:05.

Submitted by Tim Sniffen