

## **Readfield Conservation Commission Meeting Notes**

December 12, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Town Office

Approved Jan. 8, 2019

Present: Tim Sniffen, Greg Leimbach, Bruce Hunter, Jerry Bley, Andy Walsh

Excused: Greg Durgin, Marty Hanish, Brent West, Bob Mohlar,

A motion was made and seconded by Readfield Conservation Commission (RCC) members to approve the November 13, 2018 RCC meeting minutes.

### **New Business**

**Kennebec Land Trust, Lands Committee Project** – Bruce H. summarized his meeting with Theresa Kerchner (KLT) and others regarding KLT's interest in creating a new Lands Committee aimed at developing a community land conservation ethic that would recognize landowners involved in land conservation. KLT would like to collaborate with town Conservation Commissions on this effort. Greg L. suggested that RCC collaborate with an eye toward establishing landscape connectivity. KLT may want some financial contribution toward the initiative. The next meeting is scheduled for December 19.

### **Old Business**

**FY 2019-2020 Budget** – RCC members present spent most of the meeting developing the FY 2019-2020 budget. Tim S. provided an RCC budget template which broke out expenditures based on funding source: property tax, Readfield Conservation Lands Account, and Recreational Trails Grant. Expenditures under each heading were itemized and estimated costs attached. RCC members discussed some items at length including invasive control in harvested sections of the Town Forest and how best to preserve the integrity of the foundation of former Town farm. Tim S. will circulate a cleaned up copy to all RCC members for review.

**Vernal Pool Inventory** - Jerry B. will contact Aram Calhoun (Univ. of Maine) to find out if the IFW wants data for vernal pools deemed "non-significant."

**Recreational Trail Grant** – Jerry B. will contact Eric Dyer (Town Administrator) regarding the status of reimbursement from the Recreational Trail Grant.

**Greater Augusta Utilities Water District/Carlton Pond** – Jerry B. will ask to reschedule the February meeting with KLT, Winthrop C.C., and others.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Andy Walsh (Secretary)

