

**Readfield Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**January 8, 2019, 6:30 pm, Town Office**

Present: Jerry Bley, Martin Hanish, Bruce Hunter, Greg Leimbach, Andy Walsh, Brent West

Excused: Greg Durgin, Bob Mohlar

It was noted that Bob Mohlar's name is not on the current Town website list of RCC members. Tim will check on this with Robin.

Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Old Business**

**Budget related items:**

Bruce has presented our proposed budget for fiscal 2019-20 to the Budget Comm.

Tim Pepper Forest Products bill still has not been received. Tim S will write a formal letter requesting it.

The current RCC Expense Detail Report was discussed, and we had some questions.

Tim will check with Teresa Shaw to see what is included in our unspent balance.

We will ask about recent transfers and a current balance for the Conservation Lands Account.

Marty discussed looking into a version of the Town's accounting program which is easier to understand.

Town reimbursement from our Recreational Trails Grant – Readfield has not yet requested reimbursement for the Appalachian Mountain Club work. To be discussed with Town Manager.

**Open Space goals:**

RCC/Kennebec Land Trust (KLT) cooperation – Jerry, the KLT Lands Committee, and Brian Tarbuck, Director of the Augusta Water District, are scheduled to meet 1/9/2019, to discuss conservation opportunities for the Carleton Pond area.

Ongoing cooperation with KLT's proposed outreach to owners of parcels of potential conservation land was discussed. Jean Luc Theriault, KLT's Stewardship Director, has offered to meet with us in February to explain the project. We decided to devote our Feb meeting to this, and that we will need to change from our regular meeting date. Bruce will finalize a date and report back. We discussed preparations for the meeting.

Jesse Lee Church viewshed – No report from Maine Farmland Trust on this.

Draper Assoc. parcel – Jerry reported that New England Forestry Foundation is working toward a closing.

**Vernal pools inventory:**

Bruce and Tim are working weekly to complete the database.

Jerry will look into a phone conference with Aram Calhoun to learn current expectations for the project.

We will ask if the University of Maine can help us update the vernal pool map generated in 2009 by Stantec.

**Town properties:**

No immediate concerns were discussed.

Town Forest issues, including boundary painting, invasive plant treatment, and plans for the next harvest are to be covered at a later meeting.

Meeting adjourned approx. 8:15

Submitted by Tim Sniffen