

TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
January 5, 2016  
6:00 P.M.  
Council Room, Municipal Building

PRESENT:

Robert McGorty, Vice Chairman  
Sherri Vigue  
Tristen Hinkle  
Derek Ellis  
Corey Hinkle  
Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Joe Dembeck, Chairman  
Corey Johnson

PUBLIC PRESENT:

**1) QUORUM:**

Conservation Commission meeting called to order at 6:00 PM, quorum was present.

**2) MINUTES OF THE December 1, 2015 CONSERVATION MEETINGS TO BE APPROVED:**

Motion by Corey Hinkle to approve the December 1, 2015, Conservation Committee minutes as written.  
Seconded by Tristen Hinkle. Motion passed 5-0.

**3) OLD BUSINESS:**

Tristen said that the school did get the Move More Kids Grant which is great. They didn't get everything they asked for but they did get some trail cameras and they have some signage coming. She said it gives them a good start on it.

**4) NEW BUSINESS:**

**- Yankee Woodlot Trail Event Results**

Bob said it was great that most of the Conservation Commission was able to make to the event. In addition they had 3 outside people come this time as well. Bob said he thinks the next time they plan it they should look into doing more signage so people know where to go and what is happening. Derek said they might want to look into getting some sort of foldable sign that they could use for multiple events. Bob said the tour took about 2 hours. Bob said the table that the extension set up with information was nice also. Bob would like to see them try and do another one in 6 months and apply what they learned from this last one. Derek said if they plan it in the spring then more people might be interested and anxious to get outside. He also said he would like to try and get the Extension Office a little more involved as well.

**- Maine Great Outdoor Weekend - February**

Derek said this is something that happens about twice a year throughout the state. The Rec. department is the one that really hosts this event at Lake George. They usually bring out the rock wall and the snow shoes for anyone that would like to use it. They also serve food he believes.

**- 2016 Planning: Events, Projects, other?**

Bob said they are going to try and do another Yankee Woodlot hike again. Tristen suggested they maybe make it bigger and include some of the other trails in town. Derek said that is what they are hoping to do with the SPARC committee that has just started up with the Rec. Department. Derek said he will keep everyone posted as to what they are planning and maybe we can work with them. Derek also said that SPARC is working on a full calendar right now to show all of the events that will be happening in town. That will include the Rec. Department, Lake George, Somerset Woods and other programs that are represented in the committee. Bob said that would really help them to see what they want to collaborate with and where we can help.

**5) UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES:**

None

**6) ADDITIONAL MEMBER & STAFF ITEMS:**

Derek said the Lake George Winter Carnival will be the first Saturday in February. They will have the fishing derby, box sled racing and the chili cook off. He isn't sure if they will be doing the snow sculptures again this year. If it is a nice day then they could have a couple thousand people there which is great.

Derek said there will be some big changes happening at Lake George. It was in the newspaper today that Jeff McCabe will be leaving the park as director. He will be running for Senate. Corey asked if Derek will be taking over. Derek said that they already share a lot of responsibilities right now. Currently himself and the board are reviewing the job responsibilities and maybe changing the roles of the current staff members.

Motion by Derek Ellis to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Seconded by Tristen Hinkle. Motion passed 5-0.  
Next meeting scheduled for February 2, 2016.

Minutes approved February 2, 2016

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Chairman

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