

SOUTH PORTLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
City Hall – Lower Level Conference Room

Members

Patti Smith	City Council member
David Critchfield, Chair	District 1; Pock
Will Fritzmeier	District 2; Smith
Mitchell Sturgeon	District 3; Linscott
Monika Youells	District 4; Cohen
Nathan Marles	District 5; Jalbert
Bob Klotz	At Large; Blake
Alison Shea, Secretary	District 4; (Associate member); Cohen
Sara Zografos	At Large; Beecher

Present: Mitchell Sturgeon, Nathan Marles, Monika Youells, Sara Zografos, Will Fritzmeier, Alison Shea, David Critchfield

Absent: Bob Klotz

Meeting Date: March 3, 2014

Resolved, that the minutes of the 2/03/2014 meeting be approved as presented.

Administrative Matters:

- a. The commission welcomed new District 2 member, Will Fritzmeier
- b. In reference to the annual report, the commission reviewed 2014 priorities as listed on page 5 of the report.
 - i. Item (b), Mildred Street – Mitchell is interested in pursuing this. He will talk to Fred Dillon in April about starting with an evaluation of the area.
 - ii. Item (d), Youth Conservation Corp – SPCC has agreed to fund the Trout Brook clean up in the amount of \$5,000. Pat Cloutier, Water Resources Department, suggested that funds go to materials needed. Mitchell suggested setting up an account with local vendor in order to be invoices for materials directly as the Youth Conservation Corp needs them.
 - i. Will Fritzmeier will contact Wendy Garland regarding using students from South Portland High School in addition to Cape Elizabeth students in this process.
 - iii. Item (e), Best Practices – compost/recycle best practices to be communicated in the South Portland Community Newsletter. Nathan Marles will reach out to chair of the Energy & Recycling commission to ensure no duplication.
 - i. Sarah Zografos suggested polling residents to see if they are interested in learning more about composting. Offer contact email in short ad and set up training if there is enough interest.

New Business:

- a. Joint meeting with the Planning Board has been tentatively scheduled for April 7th, with a backup date of April 21st. David Critchfield will reach out to Tex Hauser to confirm.
- b. David requested that all members look into local grant opportunities in order to maximize funds available for conservation/restoration projects.

Ongoing Commission Matters:

- a. Freshwater Compensation Fund
 - iv. Balance as of March 11, 2014 is \$...
- b. Grants- new
 - i. No Activity
- c. Grants-existing
 - i. CWA Section 604(b) and 319 grants. - No activity

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:30PM. There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon motion duly made, it was,

RESOLVED, to adjourn.

A true record.

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Present: Alison Shea, David Critchfield, Monika Youells, Will Fritzmeier, Bob Klotz

Absent: Nathan Marles, Mitchell Sturgeon, Sara Zografos

Meeting Date: March 17, 2014

Resolved, that the minutes of the 3/3/2014 meeting be approved as presented.

Administrative Matters:

- a. MEACC annual meeting is Saturday May 17th. Alison and Will plan to attend on behalf of South Portland Conservation Commission.
- b. Alison has spoken to MEACC representatives Garvan Donegan and Marcel Polak about having a Cumberland County regional meeting of conservation commissions. Hoping to meet before the MEACC annual meeting in order to report on attendance and progress. Suggestion of Week of April 28th, May 5th, or May 12th will be communicated to other commissions. The meeting will not fall during a regular SPCC meeting and may be held at the South Portland Community Center, subject to availability.
- c. Annual Report Priorities Update:
 - a. Barberry Creek: Will to pursue organizations that may provide funding for watershed assessment and restoration. All commissioners to research the baseline information. Query, how did Barberry Creek get on the urban impaired list? Where is the data?
 - b. Youth Conservation Corp: Will confirmed that Wendy Garland will be utilizing South Portland High School students as well as Cape Elizabeth students for the planned summer cleanup program. Student recruiting to begin shortly.

New Business:

- a. Joint meeting with the Planning Board has been scheduled for May 5th.
- b. Commissioners to watch <http://www.tpl.org/blog/brick-city-meets-its-river> in preparation for a discussion next meeting.
- c. Will volunteered to research and regarding usage and impact of plastic bags on the environment, and to reach out to the Energy and Recycling Committee on possible initiatives in the City.
- d. Carried over from last meeting: David requested that all members look into local grant opportunities in order to leverage existing Freshwater Compensation Fund resources for new conservation/restoration projects in the City.

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Absent: David Critchfield, Monika Youells

Meeting Date: April 7, 2014

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Administrative Matters:

- a. MEACC annual meeting is Saturday May 17th. Alison Shea and Will Fritzmeier will be attending on behalf of South Portland Conservation Commission.
- b. MEACC Regional meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 1st at Memorial Middle School cafeteria in South Portland. Garvan Donegan (Cape CC) is expecting 20-30 attendees. Alison will get update for next meeting. Alison and Will plan to attend.
- c. Nathan Marles reported that Cumberland County Soil and Water confirmed that billing for the \$5,000 slated for the Youth Corp work on Trout Brook can be billed directly to South Portland rather than through a vendor. Once work is complete this summer, we can expect an invoice.
- d. Reminder: Joint meeting with the Planning Board has been scheduled for May 5th.

New Business:

- a. Nathan Marles and Will Fritzmeier to meet with Bob Foster, Chair of the Energy and Recycling Committee to discuss communications on pesticides and composting as well as plastic bag use education. Once meeting is confirmed, Nathan will communicate to group.
- b. Will Fritzmeier will distribute list of grants available locally that may apply to SPCC's efforts on Trout Brook and/or Barberry Creek.
- c. Mildred Street– Mitchell investigated and found it draining well into harbor at low tide. He will return at high tide to check flow in. Nathan and Mitch will investigate further to see if they can identify some fixes to get the water flowing and how to initiate clean up. Once they identify a time for a visit they will communicate to group to get additional attendees.

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The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held Monday, April 21, 2014 at 6:30PM. There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon motion duly made, it was,

RESOLVED, to adjourn.

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