

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

**Guest:** Bob Foster, Chair of Energy and Recycling Committee

**Absent:** Bob Klotz

**Meeting Date:** May 5, 2014

**Resolved,** that the minutes of the 4/7/2014 meeting be approved as presented.

**Administrative Matters:**

- a. Alison Shea gave a MEACC update. The regional meeting for Cumberland County Commission members has been postponed until after the MEACC annual meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We plan to announce the proposed regional meeting at that point to gain interest. Will Fritzmeier and Alison Shea will be attending the annual meeting on behalf of the South Portland Conservation Commission.
- b. Review of 2013 meeting dates: May 19, June 2, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 6 and 20, November 3 and 17, December 1.
- c. David reported that the joint meeting with the Planning Board has been postponed until further notice.

**New Business:**

- a. Nathan Marles reported on the meeting with Bob Foster, Chair of the Energy and Recycling Committee.
  - i. Regarding plastic shopping bags, it was reiterated that they cannot go in the recycling bin offered by the city, but can be returned to the grocery store (Shaws and Hannaford in particular) to be properly recycled. Bob Foster will contact Hannaford and Will plans to contact Shaws to ensure that any campaign on education the public about recycling bags is supported.
  - ii. Nathan will contact Melinda Timpf of the Energy Recycling Committee to discuss developing a document on the advantage of composting as a joint effort between Committees.
- b. Mitchell Sturgeon reported on the Mildred Street project. He met with Pat Cloutier, Director of Water Resource Protection on 4/29 to discuss the process of cleaning up the pond. Pat is going to meet with Rick Towle, the Parks Director, to see if he has any interest in creating any greenspace as part of the project and incorporating the Parks Department into the effort. Next step would be a preliminary engineering study and report that will evaluate costs and options. Preliminary engineering should be completed in 2014.
  - i. Sara Zografos will send Committee members a list of engineering firms through the DOT that illustrate their specialties. This could help choose the right engineering firm for the Mildred street evaluation.
- c. Trout Brook update. Wendy Garland has indicated that they have gotten 8 applicants from South Portland and 11 from Cape Elizabeth to be involved in the Youth Corp portion of the Trout Brook cleanup. Ultimately there will be two from each high school secured for the summer work. Nathan will follow up with Wendy on how much the Maine DEP is putting toward the project, in addition to the commissions \$5,000. He will also find out proposed goal setting and measurements that we are looking for as a result of their work.

**Ongoing Commission Matters:**

- a. Freshwater Compensation Fund

- i. Balance as of March 11, 2014 is \$185,674.10
  
- b. Grants – new
  - i. Will Fritzmeier provided a list of potential grants to investigate. Two to look into further included those offered by Project Canopy and Coastal and Estuarine Lane Conservation Program. Will will continue his search for potential grants for both Trout Brook and Mildred Street.
  
- c. Grants – existing
  - i. CWA Section 604(b) and 319 grants - No activity

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held Monday, May 19, 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.

Alison Shea, Secretary