

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES – OCTOBER 9, 2013

Robert Pulford called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room. Also in attendance were Commissioners Ralph Moyer, William Knapp, David Herold and Linda Nielson. Kathy Bagley, Director, Parks and Recreation Department was also in attendance.

A. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes for September 11, 2013 were reviewed, and on a motion by Ralph Moyer and seconded by Linda Nielson were approved, with William Knapp abstaining.

B. Kathy Bagley's Report.

1. Ms. Bagley spoke about the preliminary plans for a fireworks display with a possible date of the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, 2014. The anticipated cost for the fireworks could be between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Additionally, the cost for public safety could total up to \$15,000, due to overtime costs. The possibility of charging for admission was mentioned, as well as voluntary donations at the time of the event.
2. The Cove Side Carnival will be held on October 18, 19 and 20, 2013.
3. The Army Corps of Engineers has received DEEP approval for their plans to dredge the Cove channel, extending slightly into the Cove, and another small area within the Cove. An area north of Gildersleeve Island in Portland has been selected for deposit of the spoils. The soil has been tested and found to be safe for deposit in the river. The funding is now in place with no cost to the Town.
4. The Park Board has discussed the issue of fees charged for the launching of canoes and kayaks in the Cove. The argument against fees is that boats that are carried to the water do not take up any launching space from trailered motorcraft. In favor of fees is the fact that there is an attendant at the park, affording at least some security for vehicles while parked. Additionally, the money collected goes into a fund that is used for the maintenance of Cove Park. No decision has been made, since the boating season is months away at this point.

C. Old Business.

It was decided to table the issue of the USDA soils survey until Rebecca Zaliznock is present.

D. New Business.

There was no new business to discuss. No member of the public was present. W. Knapp noted that, according to the roster, Richard Doran's term expired 6/30/13. Since he was technically not a member of the commission at that time, his motion to adjourn the last meeting was invalid, and the meeting was improperly adjourned. W. Knapp suggested having the Town Manager re-appoint Richard Doran to the Commission if Mr. Doran wants to be re-appointed.

E. Adjournment.

Ralph Moyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and seconded by William Knapp. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda W. Nielson