

## ACC Aug. 2020 Minutes

August 18, 2020

Present: Phine Ewing (Chair), Clarke Cooper, Susan Fenn, Noreen Blaiklock, Jesse McMahan, Paul Schlein, Karen Dowell, Karen Robbins, Mike Kreindler (CEO), Bob Nelson (Abutter)

1. The virtual meeting was called to order at 5:09PM
2. The minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting were unanimously accepted as written.
3. The minutes of the August 6, 2020 meeting regarding the Sewall Pond Conservation Area Management Plan (SPCAMP) were unanimously accepted as written.
4. Sewall Pond Pumping: Paul summarized Chapter 29 of the DEP Board of Pesticides Regulations and well as his communications with Board of Pesticides staff. Vehicles are required to be 50' back from highest water mark, have back flow preventers as well as anti-siphoning mechanisms installed when pumping from Sewall pond. The Board of Pesticides will be sending out an e-mail blast to remind all applicators in the state of these requirements and will be following up with more targeted educational outreach to the local companies that have been identified at the pond. They also ask to be notified immediately of any pumping operations so they can respond in real time. Mike reminded the Commission that signage has limited impact on behavior and that ordinances are only as good as the enforcement mechanism and follow through of the enforcing agency. Additionally, the CEO is currently only charged with enforcing building code and associated zoning requirements. Bob thinks that it is really important to steward the pond as it is an important recreational resource for towns people. Phine will check with Georgetown to see if they have similar pumping challenges at Charles Pond, which is also located closed to the road.
5. Sewall Pond Conservation Area: The Select Board has decided to leave SPCA closed for the foreseeable future. The ACC will work on developing a parking proposal and supporting ordinance language, educational signage and an implementation budget for the 2021 Town Meeting.
6. Water Access: Phine attended the Select Board's meeting and discussed access possibilities and the owner's requirements. The board asked to meet with the property owner of the east side site. The Select Board also asked the Commission to draft the agreement with the property owner. Phine spoke to Bob Ater about coordinating the meeting and learned the owner isn't particularly interested. The Commission doesn't believe it is qualified to draft legal documents. Phine will draft a letter for ACC review to that effect and listing the know areas of concern.

7. Picture Posts: The next super tides are in October and November. Arrowsic's data will be connected with ANECDATA.org (Project #790) to aggregate the data regionally. A "post host" is needed for the Fisher Eddy posts.
8. Inter-meeting Communications: A discussion about Maine's sunshine laws and how to best operate in the digital/COVID world was discussed. The importance of timeliness, efficient inter department communication, public participation and documentation were specifically discussed. Because the situation is fluid, research and discussion between meetings will be summarized in the minutes. Any decisions will be made at a publicly posted meeting with the rationale documented in the minutes.
9. The water quality monitoring schedule was set.
10. Nature's Notes: Queen Anne's lace has been seen in large profusion by many. Even in places it is not typically found. Phine participated in the Tick Survey again this year. She captures some larvae which was surprising as "there shouldn't be any at this time of year". Paul reported no ticks since his big day of 40 ticks. Several people reported on have many monarch caterpillars then having them disappear without any evidence of chrysalises. It was suggested that the chrysalises might be found in/on "unexpected" places. Several people reported seeing large mixed flocks of chickees, titmice, nuthatches, and creepers. Apparently, this happens and the birds are able to communicate with the other species.
11. The meeting adjourned unanimously at 6:47PM.
12. The next meeting will be August18, 2020 at 5 PM. Meetings will be conducted virtually until physical distancing recommendations are lifted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary

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