

Casco Open Space Commission
March 23, 2015
Minutes (draft)

Present: Grant Plummer, Keith Morehouse, Eric Dibner
Public: Nadia Hermos
Absent: Frank Kantor, Barbara York

Call to order 6:45

Minutes from February 23, 2015 were approved with amendment.

The Maine Land Conservation Conference, April 24-25 in Topsham, was discussed. There are several workshops regarding building community participation. The Commission agreed to support the attendance of any Commissioner who wishes to attend.

Outreach to landowners was discussed. For mailings, what materials or prototype are available? The mailing should list the town's preserves (the 70-Acre Wood, Hacker's Hill, Mayberry Hill Preserve). Keith and Eric will follow up to prepare mailing materials.

Portland Water District (PWD). Plummer said the Town Office sent a list of properties to PWD, including the lots south of Route 302 corridor, and Paul Hunt will evaluate their worth to PWD. Then we can have a conversation about what we have and the mechanisms of protection of the watershed though preserving forest land. COSC should send the forest management plans to PWD. Funding might be available to help with management and trails. COSC should analyze the response from PWD and make recommendations to the Select Board.

Focus Areas were not discussed.

Survey Inc was expecting to survey the boundaries of the two large Town properties, but the future of Survey Inc is in question.

Next agenda: Conservation education; outline mailer; PWD

The meeting was adjourned.