

Minutes of Alexandria Conservation Commission for 30 March 2016

Members Present: E. Lamos, G. Whittaker, R. MacLean, M. Ruggirello Late arrivals by 30 minutes: J. Tuthill and T. Larson Excused; S. Whitman Absent; R. Piehler

Call Meeting to Order: Called meeting to Order Officially @ 7:00 p.m. with late arrivals constituting a quorum. Meeting ordered by E. Lamos

Financials Report: As per the "Account QuickReport" ending March 29, 2016, we have a balance of \$283.01 from the ACC budget of \$1,400.00. This total should be reserved for expenses to attend the Autumn Annual Meeting for NHACC.

Old Business:

We are still awaiting letters of resignation from Andrea Tuthill and Dave Chapman. Co-Chair Jennifer Tuthill has made attempts to remind Andrea T. that we need her to complete these letters in order to make R. MacLean and M. Ruggirello full members instead of Alternates. Jennifer will pursue finalization of these transitions.

Moosewood Ecological has initiated the project of completing Alexandria's NRI with the letters sent out to landowners by Steve W. and George W. and many responses received all ready. The project has a completion date by year end of 2016.

The proposed changes and modifications of the ACC Bylaws by Steve W. have been accepted and voted approved as written.

New Business:

The election of Officers is due for April at our next scheduled meeting on the 20th. The position of Secretary has to be filled as Steve W. was elected for the 2nd time when this position was last elected to be filled. We should accomplish this need by end of our approaching meeting.

The Commission needs to concentrate on our Goal Priorities using the suggested tasks recommended by Amanda Stone and our collective members;

Goal priorities were discussed, with the decision to focus on Barrett Park and Town Forest. Committed for the rest of 2016:

Barrett Park: in upcoming year: completion of the kiosk, information panel in place, picnic table donated by George Whittaker transported to park, "Formal Opening" of park celebration planned and scheduled, press release and flyers distributed/ sent related to Grand Opening, schedule for trimming and cutting for the summer worked out with volunteers, and establishing a "no entry" type of fence and sign for turtle nesting area. Monitoring of Knotweed growth inhibition methods throughout rowing season. Plans to spray area with bleach, other areas tarp cover, other areas soap/baking soda/water spray. Document results with photos and narratives.

Town Forest: First walk in the Forest for the public led by CC member(s) (planned for date in May); Sign completion by Ron installed, trail clearing and labeling, mapping of trail with prints available for public, planning and marking of additional trails. Further monthly activities in Town Forest scheduled for the rest of the year. Sightings of animals from visits to TF to be written up on Face Book as reported.

Existing Conservation lands and other available trails in Alexandria will be mapped through GPS (Bob P and Jenny leading this)

Photo Contest for 2017 calendar will take place, with final photo selection for November so people can buy calendars as gifts, etc and start the new year with calendars. Theme will be "Animals of Alexandria- feathers, fur, fins, or feet " (Jenny, Ernie leading this).

Ernie Lamos, Acting Secretary
Alexandria Conservation Commission