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Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 28, 2010
6:00 PM – East Conference Room, Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Brown, Daniel Holt, Jessica Joyce, Bob Maloney (arrived at 7:13 p.m.)
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Charles Adams, Harland Storey & Thomas Gruber
OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Shane, Brenda Moore, Milton Calder, Councilor Turner, and Nate Perry

I. Roll Call & Welcome by Chairman

Welcome and call to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. Approval of June 7, 2010 minutes

Tabled to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

III. DMR Shoreline Survey update (Milt Calder)

The Department of Marine Resources will be conducting a shoreline survey in Cumberland beginning Friday, July 30th. It should take about 3 weeks to complete.

Town Manager Shane asked Lieutenant Calder what is the delay in getting water sampling test results back.

Lt. Calder said that the samples are delivered to DMR, they are tested and have to be signed off by the Commissioner, and then the results are posted.

Mr. Shane directed Lt. Calder and Mr. Crosby to begin doing split samples, sending one to DMR and one to an independent lab. By doing this, we know how our test results are trending and won't have to wait three months for results from DMR. If we test high in a specific area, we would know right away and be able to determine if it was due to rain event or some other issue.

Chairman Brown suggested mailing a copy of the DMR letter to residents notifying them that the survey will be taking place.

IV. To hear a report and action plan from the sub-committee

Jessica explained that the sub-committee met last month and has developed a draft strategy, focusing on outreach efforts.

Mr. Adams was charged with finding out which (if any) town properties apply pesticides.

Mr. Gruber was charged with contacting Mark Hews of Time and Tide regarding grant opportunities that they offer for groups involved in soil and water conservation efforts. Mr. Gruber will complete and submit the grant application.

Jessica volunteered with a joint effort by the Kennebec Estuary Partners, DMR and DEP at the Yarmouth Clam Festival handing out outreach materials. They have a large tri-fold board with a lot of info that we can borrow to do our own outreach events. She will attempt to borrow it for the Public Safety open house in August and the Cumberland Fair in September.

Town Manager Shane said that the Town is in an EPA Stormwater District due the towns' concentration of population and we are mandated to do education and outreach annually. Chris Bolduc will attend the subcommittee meetings to collaborate on outreach efforts and ideas that will help both groups while preventing duplication of efforts. A Public Service Announcement can be produced and run on Channel 2.

V. Next Meeting – August 26th

VI. Other Business

- Informational Septic Workshop, August 6th, Bath Municipal Building – FREE
Chairman Brown, Lt. Calder and Tom Gruber will attend and report back to the committee.
- Mr. Perry explained that he has an LPA (Limited Purpose Aquaculture License) in Broad Cove (Oysters). He said that he is willing to help with volunteer efforts in any capacity that he is able.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Bob Maloney, seconded by Jessica Joyce to adjourn.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda Moore
Executive Assistant