

Durham Conservation Commission

January 24, 2024, 2023; 6:30 – 8:00 pm; Town Office

DCC Attendees: Roberta Brezinski, Sam Cuccaro, Jess Costa, Mike Friendly

Last 3 meetings' notes

- October notes Jess to update IPause to 'IPAWS'
- Last 3 meetings' notes approved

Select board meeting 1/23

- Postponed discussion of solar ordinance until 2/6 meeting (Mike will attend)

February and March CC meetings

- Painting town office conference room so next couple meetings either at Eureka or at fire station (Jess to ask Kimberly)

Community resilience grant application draft

- Discussion to possibly include tasks that are priorities under the Androscoggin mitigation plan
- Task 2 - community evacuation plans, funding for signs, led signage
- Roberta to ask Rachel who will select the final action item, or does CRP decide after application?
- End of March is next application deadline, then it would be end of 2024 for the next deadline
- How much language do we need to include for implementation of use of grant funding in the application?
- We've already engaged with Town Officials and got their feedback on Town grant priorities
- To schedule Zoom meeting with Rachel Lynn to get more direction and see what her timing is on finalizing the application

2023 Conservation Commission activities for town report

- RPZ land use ordinance participated in cross department meetings
- Worked with Town Planner and Planning Board to develop draft solar ordinance
- Community Resiliency Partnership grant coordination
- Durham best project award for resource protection zoning overhaul (include photo with George, Jess, and John)

2024 Conservation Commission initiatives

- Investigate Town-owned parcels (access, potential uses, other properties not on the list)
- After solar ordinance vote, may work on battery storage and cell phone tower ordinances

- Second step for solar ordinance: protection of high value habitats and high value agricultural lands
- Work with Town Planner on the Beginning with Habitat developed areas map layer and existing structure expansions
- Newsblast about brown-tailed moth state funding – provide public info but since it's more of a town health concern not really a Conservation Commission responsibility (and CC doesn't support using pesticides)
- Newsblast about options for hazardous waste safe disposal, bulky waste will take fluorescent lights, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.