

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 7, 2014 - 5:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX, COMMUNITY ROOM 3

I. ROLL CALL

Commission: Rafferty, Lawton, Munn, Frost
Staff: Jones

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 3, 2014

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 3, 2014

Motion by Lawton, seconded by Munn, so voted unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mumford Cove Association January 27, 2014 letter to Town Manager

The Commission reviewed the letter that was sent to the Town Manager regarding the Mumford Cove Association's concerns regarding the continuation of the G&S Trolley Trail east to Coloney Road. They discussed other potential routes and will continue to monitor the multi-use trail development.

Joellen Anderson spoke about the lack of deeded protection for a number of Town-owned open space parcels. Rafferty noted that there are also state owned parcels with the same issue. Frost noted that it is complicated by the lack of consensus regarding the definition of open space and what uses are considered appropriate for open space. Active recreation areas and land with sensitive resources should be treated and protected differently.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Plan of Conservation and Development Draft Action Agenda – Open Space, Natural, Coastal and Historic Resources, Community Character

The Commission reviewed and discussed a number of the recommendations in the draft Action Agenda including recommendations regarding open space acquisition, the master trail plan, protection of coastal and historic resources. Staff outlined the process for presenting the draft Plan and Action Agenda to the public and the process for adoption. There will be multiple opportunities to comment on the Plan.

2. Alternative Energy Sources

Rafferty discussed alternative energy sources and would like to see the updated POCD address this issue.

V. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Munn noted that she will not be able to attend the May meeting.

VI. REPORT OF STAFF

Staff noted that the Commission should discuss the program for the June 7 trail day event at Sparkle Lake Conservation area at the May or June meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Gail Munn, Secretary
Conservation Commission

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