

Minutes - South Portland Conservation Commission
4/24/2017

Attending: Megan Sheehan, Dan Hogan, Bret Bergst, Rick Foss-Lacey, Bob McKeagney, Barbara Dee, Jody Meredith

Planning for Freshwater Streams Forum:

Event plan:

Introduction of Commission and Purpose for Forum - Megan Sheehan
Water Quality Standards and Urban Impaired Category - Wendy Garland
Importance of Casco Bay to Region and Current Condition of Bay - Matt Craig
Streams of South Portland and Actions to Improve Them - Fred Dillon
Introduction of Freshwater Compensation Fund Grant Program - Bob McKeagney
Information on Stream Walks - Megan Sheehan
Raffle Results - Bret Bergst
Question and Answer Time - All
Break into Watershed Groups

Participating Groups

Energy and Recycling Committee
Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District
Casco Bay Estuary Partnership
U.S. Fish and Wildlife
South Portland Land Trust
Friends of Casco Bay
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Protect South Portland
? Pesticide Information Group

Discussion of Facebook Page - updates have been posted about the Forum. We need to get management of the page back from Bob Klotz. Bret has been in contact and will follow up.

Needed for the Event - painter's tape for stream map (Megan), food (Jody), raffle bowl (Bret), Info sheet on stream walks (Jody), stars for map (Megan), backup technology plan (all of us).

Freshwater Compensation Fund Grants - Bob M. has met with Pat Cloutier who agrees with the proposal. Bob is developing guidelines for prospective applicants. There is a need to develop a longer term plan for using the rest of these funds. We will take up this issue after the forum.

Open Space Letter

Commissioners agreed that it was ok to send. Planning for next steps is an agenda item for next week's meeting.

O'Neil Street

Agenda item for next week's meeting.

Meeting Room

Agreed that the conference room at the Recreation Center is a good place to meet. Dan also suggested South Portland Housing Authority's meeting room at 100 Waterman Drive. Jody will call to find out about the availability of the Rec Center conference room.