

October 15, 2018 Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

1. Members present: Bret, Cory, Megan, Jody, Michael, Dan, Barbara
 - a. Public present: None
 - b. Member absences: Megan
2. Prior meeting minutes approved by all members present
3. FWCF Grant Updates
 - a. Tania Ferrante of South Portland High School wants to do a second grant proposal. Proposal expected to be a second rain garden and a sign. Any leftover money from the first grant may be rolled over into the second.
 - b. Julie Pitt of Mahoney Middle School has only spent approximately \$30 of grant thus far. She is leaning more towards a small bridge going over Trout Brook as use of the grant money. Dan is assisting in exploring this option.
4. Conservation Commission Membership
 - a. Jody has informed city staff that her appointment is expiring soon. She has also asked around to see if anyone is interested in serving.
5. Conservation Corner
 - a. Jody will submit something about her appointment expiring soon and need to replace her as a member.
6. Conservation Conversation
 - a. Jody and Barbara attended. Poorly attended but media was there and presentations were great. Fred Dillion made a presentation about the South Portland High School rain garden, but no mention of the conservation commission's involvement or funding. Barbara asked a question regarding this and this was corrected during the Q&A session.
 - b. How do we solve the problem of the Conservation Commission being "invisible" or otherwise not in the loop or getting credit for our work?
 - i. Writing to Scott Morelli / city staff outlining our concerns
 - ii. Attaching to a city department, i.e. planning department, parks, etc.

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