



## RECREATION AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Meeting **MINUTES**

Thursday, August 20th, 2020

Public ZOOM link:

*Panelists have unique access links—see email from Westbrook City Hall*

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ITEM	BY	TARGET START
Opening, review July minutes	Andre / All	6:00 pm
Updates and announcements (no discussion) -WEIC Update—Lain <i>Warren was not at the meeting</i> -Traffic calming—Drinan <i>Paul announced a BCM temporary installation of traffic calming measures on Main St., funded by a grant through AARP</i> -Housekeeping/bylaws—Andre <i>No action yet, subcommittee members Matt B, Paul D, and Sarah have not connected</i> -XC Ski update—Andre/Drinan <i>Upcoming meeting at SR with members of Portland Nordic, who are excited to help. Phil to e-introduce the assistant GM via email.</i> -Other (topics for future meetings)	(20 minutes)	6:05
Financial and city report <i>Rebecca was on vacation that week, so no updated docs</i>	Spitella	6:25
Open space review: 527 Bridge St. Action required <i>Drinan: A motion to accept the open space plan for 527 Bridge St. as proposed</i> <i>Spiller: 2<sup>nd</sup></i> <i>Result: passed, all in favor</i>	Pat Coughlin, St. Germain	

<p>Presentation and discussion: City Forest Master Plan</p> <p><i>Presentation by J. Kimball of the website to educate and gather feedback from the public on the current version of City Forest master plan. Feedback from commissioners was positive and we are all looking forward to seeing the next iteration. Some minor suggestions before the website goes live on 8/21.</i></p>	Jessica Kimball, TJD&A	
<p>Renew MEACC membership, review MEACC resources</p> <p>Action required</p> <p><i>Wallingford: a motion to renew WRCC's MEACC* membership at the rate of \$225.</i></p> <p><i>Spiller: 2<sup>nd</sup></i></p> <p><i>Result: the motion passed, all in favor</i></p> <p><i>*MEACC: Maine Association of Conservation Commissions</i></p> <p><i><a href="https://www.meaccme.org/">https://www.meaccme.org/</a></i></p>	Andre	
<p>WRCC to support traffic calming measures</p> <p>Action requested</p> <p><i>Request for action withdrawn, city has already approved the project</i></p>	Drinan	
<p>WRCC open space plan</p> <p><i>Brief discussion re: City open space plan and possibly looking at this once again, acknowledging that it is a time consuming project and may need to postpone indefinitely (or at least for 2020!)</i></p>	Spitella	
Adjourn		8:00 pm

### Westbrook Recreation and Conservation Commission Members

#### *Attendance 8/20/20*

Sarah Andre, Chair  
Paul Drinan, Vice Chair  
~~Kaitlyn Morse, Secretary\*~~  
Aubrey Belanger\*  
Matt Brunner  
Nate Dyer  
~~Warren Lain~~  
Phil Spiller  
Bruce Wallingford

Staff Liaison: Rebecca Spitella, Assistant City Planner