Wayne Conservation Commission meeting notes

January 8, 2025, 5:30 P.M, Cary Memorial Library

Attending: Lloyd Irland, Diana McLaughlin, Leslie Burhoe, Kelli Hess, Paula Nersesian,

and Ken Spalding

Welcoming Lorraine and Chuck Ravis as associate members

Absent: Fred Hurley.

Public: Desiree and Don Fyler

Called to order 5 :32PM

1. Approved December minutes with one edit. Unanimous.
2. Update on Community Resiliency Grant
3. Paula related that the changes in the town office’s administrative staff may affect the grant so hoping they will be resolved soon. She did inform the service provider, GrowSmart.
4. Select Board Updates
5. a Public Hearing date is in the works regarding RV, Campground Ordinance. The Planning Board Hearing is January 16.
6. Update on Jellystone Park in general
7. Only the hearing in relation to Wayne.
8. Monmouth and Leeds have postponed looking at applications and the 3 towns PB’s hope to meet together.
9. It was thought that the WCC should submit a comment regarding our concerns about the Ordinance for the general record to be submitted at the hearing 1/16. Ken will draft.
10. In regard to the boundary issue identified in Jellystone’s application to Monmouth, Lloyd wondered when the last time the Town of Wayne’s boundary had been walked and re-blazed. Perhaps a job for WCC?
11. Member Recruitment
12. No movement but it is in the works.
13. Updated on Letter to SB regarding WCC and 100-Acre Wood
14. The letter was acknowledged as received by the town office
15. Ken spoke to Trent and it sounds like WCC will continue to be involved in discussions.
16. No changes to report for now.
17. Strategic Plan discussion
18. See Kellie’s goal list with updated metrics for priority and implementation plans.

Below.

Adjourned 7:37pm

Next meeting February 5, 2025.

WAYNE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Wayne Conservation Commission seeks to protect the natural resources,

including land, water, flora and fauna, within the town of Wayne, for the benefit

of the residents and visitors of the town and the natural community through

collaborative efforts.

FOCUS – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE WAYNE 2016

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. High Impact (HI), High Effort (HE), State Statute

(SS-2D), Town Expectation (TE)

#1 GOAL- DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE OPEN SPACE AND OUTDOOR

RECREATIONAL PLAN AS PROVIDED IN THE 2016 WAYNE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

OBJECTIVES:

Strongly encourage the Select Board to establish a steering committee to administer and

guide the development of the “Plan”.

Provide recommendations for Committee membership.

Organize the Committee.

Develop a work plan and options for funding the planning process, including necessary

liaison, RFP’s, grants, and other matters.

Establish required funding.

Retained appropriate technical support.

Initiate planning process with over-sight, support, and guidance from the “Steering

Committee”.

Complete first draft of the plan for review and comment from the WWC, ……………………

Finalized draft to …………………….

Plan Implementation.

SUB-OBJECTIVES:

As provided for in the Wayne Comprehensive Plan, conserve 15% of the remaining

developable land with a prioritized system saving the most critical resource areas, including

farmland, unbroken forest blocks, significant wildlife habitats, and significant wetlands.

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As provided for in the Wayne Comprehensive Plan, establish a land acquisition fund within

the annual appropriation, as well as from other sources, to conserve by fee or conservation

easement, 15 % of Wayne’s remaining developable land.

Develop a list of specific areas of particular ecological importance.

Conserve by fee, conservation easement, gift, or other methods areas of unique value to

the ecology and use of Wayne’s landscape.

#2 GOAL- DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR A “WATER

QUALITY PROTECTION FUND” FOR WATER QUALITY PROJECTS IN WAYNE.

HI, Moderate Effort (ME)

OBJECTIVES:

Encourage the Select Board to establish a steering committee to develop, secure funding,

and administer a “Watershed Protection Fund”, and associated initiatives.

Develop and implement a shoreland monitoring program to document the current state of

development and vegetative buffer.

Forward findings as necessary to the Town Code Enforcement Officer.

#3 GOAL- MONITOR AND PROVIDE INPUT TO THE WAYNE SELECT BOARD AND

PLANNING BOARD, AND OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE

KEN and Alternates, HI, ME

OBJECTIVES:

Arrange to have “Commission” representation at

meetings of town officials as appropriate.

Coordinate annually (joint meetings”) with ……………….

#4 GOAL-STEWARDSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF WAYNE’S PUBLIC LANDS.

KELLIE: Moderate Impact (MI), ME, State Statute – 3B , TE

OBJECTIVES:

Coordinate with the Select Board and Town Manager to determine what town land will fall

under the “Commission’s’ oversight.

Develop an oversight strategy and plan for specific lands determined to be under the

“Commission’s” jurisdiction, including terrestrial invasive plants.

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#5 GOAL- MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF INVASIVE PLANTS

LESLIE: HI, ME, TE:Town Property Landscaping Policy

OBJECTIVES:

Survey Invasive plant species, and update the ”2008 Conservation Commission Report” on

the status of invasive plants in Wayne.

Develop and implement a strategy for minimizing the impact of invasive plants.

#6 GOAL- CONDUCT OUTREACH REGARDING THE TOWN’S NATURAL RESOURCES,

CONSERVATION, AND USE OPPORTUNITIES

PAULA, HI, ME, SS -3A

OBJECTIVES:

Use the Messenger and other appropriate forms of outreach to provide timely information

on protection of the landscape, ecologically sensitive areas and outdoor recreation

opportunities.

Create a “Commission” web-page.

Sponsor yearly outdoor recreation and natural resource education opportunities, such as

field trips, hikes, and work projects.

Recruit new members as needed, and actively recruit associate members and volunteers

for specific projects.

#7 GOAL- WORK WITH IDENTIFIED LAND OWNERS TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUED

OWNERSHIP, CONSERVATION, AND STEWARDSHIP.

MI, ME, SS- 3A

OBJECTIVES:

Establish liaison with large property owners and express the town’s gratitude for their

contribution to the character of Wayne.

Provide information on Open Space, Tree Growth, Farmland, and other program designed

to conserve and manage open spaces.

#8 GOAL- PROTECT WETLANDS AND OTHER

SENSITIVE AREAS.

HI, ME, SS-2B shared with other conservation focused organizations

OBJECTIVES:

Collect current information on significant natural areas in Wayne.

Review and update town maps of significant natural values.

In conjunction with “Watershed Protection Fund” projects, monitor development and

vegetative buffers adjacent to wetlands and other sensitive natural areas.

Forward findings as needed to the Town Code Enforcement Officer.

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#9 GOAL- UPDATE THE WAYNE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

HI, HE, Town Expectation

OBJECTIVES:

Review appropriate sections of “The Wayne Comprehensive Plan” and develop

recommended updates and changes. Communicate with Comprehensive Plan Committee as

appropriate.

#10 GOAL– SUPPORT ZONING ORDINANCES THAT SUPPORT THE TOWN’S

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND PROTECT IMPORTANT NATURAL AREAS.

HI, ME, SS -2D, TE

OBJECTIVES:

Annually review the town’s Zoning Ordinances and provided appropriate recommendations

to the Planning Board.

#11 GOAL - STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL AND REGIONAL

CONSERVATION FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS

HI, LE, SS- 2C

OBJECTIVES:

Identify and establish contacts with conservation focused organizations with goal of

sharing resources and collaborating on future projects as appropriate.

#12 GOAL – SUPPORT CLIMATE IMPACT RELATED PROJECTS

PAULA, HI, HE, TE

OBJECTIVES:

Provide support including resources to grant-writing group for application for the

Community Resilience Partnership. Grant titled: Town of Wayne Climate Impact Infrastructure

and Population Vulnerability Assessment

KEY:

High Impact: HI

Moderate Impact: ME

Low Impact: LI (None of these identified at this time !!!)

High Effort: HE

Moderate Effort: ME

Low Effort: LE

SS = State Statute - Indicates activity noted in Maine Conservation Commission Statute and

location

TE = Town Expectation – Indicates activity identified by various town generated policies,

plans, ordinances

Please note that this exercise is meant to provide some clarity and focus to our work and not

to be limiting in ANY way. This represents a snap shot of some of our identified priority areas

and a document to reference if helpful. This committee has demonstrated time and again that

good ideas, hardworking people and a genuine dedication to support our natural environment

can accomplish amazing things! Looking forward to 2025!

klh/01/10/25