

**Thomaston IWWC Conservation Sub-Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 27, 2016**

**Members Present:** Tony Samela, Robin Capone

**Others Present:** Jeremy Leifert – Land Use Administrator

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**The meeting convened in the Building and Land Use Office, Town Hall, 6:35 PM**

**Minutes:**

**Agenda Item #1 – October 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**A motion was made by R. Capone and seconded by T. Samela to accept the minutes of the October 28, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Old Business:**

**Agenda Item #1 – Town Owned Parcel Review**

J. Leifert recommended that the conservation commission take this item off the agenda as the rest of the town owned parcel review is unrelated to conservation or open space. The members agreed to remove the item for the next meeting agenda.

**Agenda Item #2 – Urban Forestry Grants Discussion**

J. Leifert reported that the application was submitted by the January 27, 2016 deadline, and he will update the commission with any status updates.

**Agenda Item #3 – New Grant Opportunities**

There were no updates for this meeting. J. Leifert will get an update on the potential cemetery commission application for open space acquisition grants near the Dug Road open space parcels for the next meeting.

**Agenda Item #4 – Trail Improvements, Dug Road Open Space**

There were no new updates to this item for this meeting.

**Agenda Item #5 – Illegal ATV Use/Gating, Dug Road Open Space**

There were no new updates to this item for this meeting.

**Agenda Item #6 – Environmental Assessment, Dug Road Open Space**

The sub-committee discussed this item, and suggested prioritizing the environmental assessment of the property to better understand the future use and priorities for management of the property. J. Leifert was directed to inquire on assembling a team for the assessment and update the full commission at the regular IWWC February meeting.

**Agenda Item #7 – Interpretive Signage, Turner Road Wetland**

J. Leifert stated that there has been no action on this agenda item since last meeting, but he is watching for potential grant funding for the signage.

**New Business:**

There is no new business on the agenda for this meeting.

**Adjournment:**

**A motion to adjourn at 6:51 was made by R. Capone and seconded by T. Samela. Motion unanimously passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Leifert,  
Wetland Enforcement Officer/Land Use Administrator