



**Town of Casco
Open Space Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 20, 2025
Casco Community Center**

Called to order at 6:03

Attending members:

Sam Brown, Eric Dibner, Jim Arsham, Courtney Walsh,

GUESTS: Bill Phelps, Bob Learned, Grant Plummer, Matt Markott, Tiffany, Bethany Hague-from Waterford, Amy Brown, Roger Deitz, Resilience Group, Liz Malloy, Steven, Zac

Review and approval of the meeting agenda. Approved 4-0

Report on Jugtown Walk:

Sam reported that there were approximately 30 came out to hear our State Forester, Shane Duggan talk about the history of Jugtown and the type of forest it is and it uses. Also discussed about serious problems with Beech and Ash tree virus infections. Types of wild life were also discussed. This was a very successful event.

Public Participation for non-Agenda items:

Guests were introduced to the Commission members.

1. Discussions with Resilience Planning Group

- a. Zac: The commission members discussed with Zac the need for simplified maps that can be more easily understood.
- b. Materials for the five manned stations at the Workshop are being prepared.
- c. Resilience is creating an on-line service for public comments that will be available November 7th - December 7th. Ther five stations will each have a map on which trails and other information will be included. Resilience personnel and Commission Members with be at each station as well as walking around to respond to the public questions. The public will be asked to make comments on sticky notes as was done during the Comprehensive Plan meetings.
- d. Tiffany mentioned the question of some trails etc being on private lands.
- e. Places of Historical Interest should be included as Open Space.

2. Rattlesnake Wilderness:

- a. Focus and Strategy were briefly discussed. We still have a lot of work in front of us.

3. **Berry Property:**

- a. The Stakeholders group is having trouble getting started with poor communications stated as the major cause of the delays.

Upcoming meetings

- November 17, 2025
- December 15, 2025

Meeting Adjourned :8:07 pm