



Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of May 4, 2015

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Nancy Lightbody, Jerry Goodall, Aaron Svedlow, Sarah Boudreau, Susan Gilpin, Paul Burlin

Review of Minutes

The April 6 minutes were approved as written.

7:15 Subcommittee Discussions and Reports

- **LMAC (Aaron)**

Svedlow reported breeding bird surveys to be conducted at three locations: Woods Road, Blackstrap, and North Falmouth. Purpose is to assess the impact of forest management on breeding populations.

- **Stormwater (Susan)**

Gilpin reported run-off is polluting the ocean at Town Landing and elsewhere, which leads to increased nitrogen levels, which spurs acidification.

There is grant money available to conduct water quality monitoring. It was unanimously agreed that a Commission member would discuss applying for grant funds with town officials before proceeding.

Gilpin also reported on a hearing on coal tar use in Augusta at which she testified. It seems best to wait to see what the State does on this issue prior to considering action in Falmouth.

- **Invasive Species (Nancy-Sarah-Jerry)**

Lightbody reported on the presentation to the Town Council on invasive species. The project in West Falmouth was approved. There will be a meeting on June 15 between 7:00 and 8:30 PM at the Falmouth Memorial Library to inform landowners in the area about the project and to answer any questions.

- **Planning Board (Steve)**

No updates at this time.

- **Ad-Hoc Zoning (Steve)**

No updates at this time.

- **Vernal Pools (Aaron)**

Svedlow to conduct vernal pool survey at the North Falmouth Community Forest (volunteers welcome) as well as on Clapboard Island.



- **Ad Hoc Route 100 Vision Committee (Sarah)**
Boudreau reported on Route 100 progress. The Route 100 Committee will give its plan to the Town Council. Estimated cost for the project is \$10,000,000. Preliminary engineering needs to be done first.
- **Liaison with the Comprehensive Plan (Paul)**
No updates at this time.
- **Senior Capstone/Service Learning Project for FCC website (Paul)**
Burlin reported on the Commission's media project, which would involve a one-page brochure presenting the Commission's services to the town as well as several videos discussing the same. Burlin to pursue the possibility of a USM student in the Communications and Media Studies Department conducting a service learning project to help with the design and development of both the brochure and internet-based videos.

9:00 Adjourned

Next meeting is Monday, June 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Paul Burlin