



Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of October 5, 2015

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Jerry Goodall, Nancy Lightbody, Aaron Svedlow, Susan Gilpin, and Ned Kitchel (Town Council liaison)

Review of Minutes

The June 1 minutes were approved as written. Susan agreed to take minutes this month, Aaron volunteered to take them next month, Paul will take December, and Nancy will take January.

FCC Website Tickler (Paul)

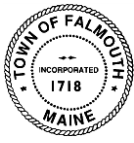
We reviewed Paul's flyer for the polls and agreed on the content. We would like to see the main points on the front listed with bullets, and several photos instead of one to illustrate them. We thanked Paul, who is out of town right now, for his work. Paul has asked the Falmouth High School service club to help him update the website with videos about invasive species, vernal pools, runoff, etc. For a future discussion, Aaron had some ideas about FAQs and other thoughts.

Role of the FCC in terms of the Town Council Work Plan

We reviewed the four tasks that the Town Council has asked us to address and voted to undertake them. They are invasives, non-point pollution, wetlands, and zoning and land use ordinances. These are in addition to several other tasks that are also in our job description, such as Route 100 and Planning Board. For invasives, see the next paragraph. For non-point pollution, Susan will get us information on Lawns for Lobsters in Kennebunkport. Please read their website (lawns2lobsters.org). We are free to copy their materials. For natural resource protection, Aaron will review LPAC 2009 and help us plan next steps. We need to report to the Town Council on or before October 26 about the feasibility of accomplishing all these tasks in the current year.

Subcommittee Discussions and Reports

- **Vernal Pools (Aaron)**
Will continue to be reviewed by Aaron.
- **LMAC (Aaron)**
Aaron reported that dog waste continues to be a problem in town parks. LMAC is reviewing Falmouth ordinances to see how to make them more effective.
- **Stormwater (Susan)**
Susan is impressed with the dedication of ISWG. She has not been able to attend meetings this summer because of a broken ankle.



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

In September, a licensed contractor sprayed glyphosate on the right-of-way in West Falmouth on 145 properties. Jerry and Bob Shafto mapped these areas in the spring. These include the Hardy Road conservation area, the turnpike, and town-owned lands. Two landowners opted out, and seven asked for additional spraying. In the future, we need to figure out a fee for private landowners. Jerry took before-and-after photos. Spraying must be 250 feet from water. Next year, we will re-visit previously sprayed areas, and spray in Middle Falmouth. Ned asked about the safety of glyphosate. Jerry and Nancy assured him that it is applied in small doses with a narrow nozzle.

- **Planning Board (Steve)**

No report at this time.

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

The next meeting will be on October 20. Steve monitors this committee. (He is currently out with eye surgery.)

- **Ad Hoc Route 100 Vision Committee (Sarah)**

The Route 100 proposal includes sidewalks, a new park on the West Branch of the Piscataqua, road repairs, widening, and bike lanes. Jerry attended the Route 100 Public Forum on September 30.

- **Liaison with the Comprehensive Plan (Paul)**

Please see above comments relating to the Town Council work plan for the FCC.

Other Business/Other Ideas

- Don't forget to **complete the very short on-line survey** for Town committee members from Town Clerk Ellen Planer.
- **Casco Bay Estuary Project** is holding a seminar about Our Changing Coast on October 13. Susan will attend on behalf of the committee. FCC will pay the \$35 cost. Susan will report at the November meeting.
- To help with the November 3 **information table at the polls** in the High School gym, please e-mail or call Nancy at 781-4670 to sign up for a slot.
- On behalf of the Town Council, Ned Kitchel thanked us for our efforts.

8:30 Adjourned

Next meeting is Monday, November 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. (Aaron will take the minutes.)

Submitted by Susan Gilpin