

Falmouth Conservation Commission Minutes of February 1, 2016

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Jerry Goodall, Nancy Lightbody, Steve DeCrosta, Sarah Boudreau, Paul Burlin, Susan Gilpin

Review of Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously as amended.

Subcommittee Discussions and Reports

LMAC (Aaron)

No report right now from LMAC.

Planning Board (Aaron)

Aaron is planning to attend the 2/2/26 meeting.

• Vernal Pools (Aaron)

 Aaron will continue reading the Natural Resource Protection Report; he will let us know the outcome at the next meeting.

Stormwater and Sea Level Rise (Susan)

- Susan provided the committee with maps of projected consequences of global warming. The maps, from 2011, showed a potential one-foot rise (estimated for 2050), contrasted with a potential three-foot rise (possible by 2100). Susan questioned how well equipped our culverts and storm drains are for a severe storm event. Susan will ask Jay Reynolds if he is available to come to a meeting to help us understand the ramifications.
- Susan looked at Lawn to Lobsters in Kennebunkport to explore the ramifications of too much fertilizer on lawns. We might be able to emulate that model. They found voluntary compliance is more effective than legislating. The committee agreed it would like to focus on educating the public about the effects of algal blooms in tidal areas from too much nitrogen.

• <u>Invasive Species</u> (Nancy-Sarah-Jerry)

o The subcommittee met on Jan 11, 2016, to plan for the upcoming year.



Update of Website (Paul)

 The committee members watched the first draft of the video made by a Falmouth High School student and suggested comments to an exciting and excellent beginning.

• Ad-Hoc Zoning (Steve)

Jan 27th meeting was cancelled. They are still working on the updates.
The final edits will be forthcoming later this month. Steve estimates a completed product by the end of the year.

Ad Hoc Route 100 Vision Committee (Sarah)

The committee submitted its final draft of the engineering study with its budgetary changes on January 28, 2015. The report is available for viewing on the town's website. The Town Council will vote on approval at a later date.

Ad Hoc Route 1 North Committee (Paul)

 Paul will submit a resume and attend an interview for inclusion in the committee.

Other business:

Nancy mentioned Climatevisuals.org, a website that may have access to photos as evidence based resources about climate change.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting is Monday, March 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. (Aaron will take the minutes.)

Submitted by Sarah Boudreau.