



Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of March 7, 2016

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Jerry Goodall, Nancy Lightbody, Steve DeCrosta, Sarah Boudreau, Aaron Svedlow
Ned Kitchel- Council Liaison

Review of Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously as amended.

Updates on Comprehensive Plan:

- Aaron gave an update on the review of the LPAC Wetland/Natural Resource Protection assessment from 2009.
- Nancy gave an update on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan FCC working items.
- Invasive sub-committee is reviewing invasive plan.
- Non-point source pollution issue may be implemented in 2017 town council work plan. For example: the Lawns to Lobsters program; Portland and other similar towns have restrictions on pesticides and fertilizers. Ned will propose this issue for the 2017 town council work plan.

Subcommittee Discussions and Reports

- **LMAC (Aaron)**
 - No report right now from LMAC.
- **Planning Board (Aaron)**
 - Aaron attended the 2/2/26 meeting. No March meeting, Aaron will monitor the April meeting items.
- **Vernal Pools (Aaron)**
 - Aaron plans to do some VP surveys on newly acquired town properties this spring.



- **Stormwater and Sea Level Rise (Susan)**
 - Nancy gave the update because Susan was not in attendance.
 - Jay has read the Casco Bay estuary project report; Falmouth's elevation helps. There are no tidal-influenced storm drains. See Jay's notes from correspondence with Nancy and Susan.
 - Susan may meet with Jay or others.
 - Theo sent a link for a survey re: clean water and soil in Cumberland County.
 - On Wednesday March 30th there is an inter-local stormwater presentation on "Water Quality and Soil" from 6-8pm. Location: Housing Authority Westbrook. Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District.
 - Presumpscot River meeting on Thursday 3/10 – summit of multiple interest groups 4-6:30 p.m. at Abromson Center at the Univ. of Southern Maine.
- **Invasive Species (Nancy-Sarah-Jerry)**
 - Jerry and Nancy attended the Maine Invasive Species network annual meeting. Very well-attended meeting by land trusts, conservation commissions, state agencies, and Audubon. The meeting was held in Augusta.
 - State-of-the-state summary of invasive (aquatic, marine, terrestrial, etc). Nancy has notes for more details.
 - There were working groups on monitoring, climate change, pests, and threats.
 - Maine's Climate Future report is a good overview of some of the climate topics covered at the conference and is available through the University of Maine.
 - **Recommendation:** to increase number of species on the Town's invasive list, and enacting an ordinance to ban invasive species in Falmouth. Anne Gibbs said there is an effort to have a state ban on invasive species; they are generating a list of species to be included.
- **Update of Website (Paul)**
 - Nancy gave the update: Paul spoke to volunteer student, FCC needs to provide language for site and guidance on photos to be included.
 - Paul to send transcript of text to Nancy and Jerry.
 - Progress is being made, but it's taking a bit longer than anticipated.
- **Ad-Hoc Zoning (Steve)**
 - No updates on Ad-Hoc zoning; town staff is working with consultants to advance this.



- **Ad Hoc Route 100 Vision Committee (Sarah)**
 - Tasks of Ad Hoc committee are largely complete.
 - Recommendations were made to the Town Council.
 - Route 100 vision is likely to be on the June ballot.

- **Ad Hoc Route 1 North Committee (Paul)**
 - No update.
 - Paul is the FCC's representative to the Ad Hoc committee. Although Paul is not yet sworn in, the committee has not met yet, and Paul will definitely be on the committee.

Other business:

- 300 yr. Town birthday celebration plans are forthcoming. There is a Tercentennial Planning Committee.
 - Ideas for programs included tour of Falmouth including driving and walking tour.
 - FCC/LMAC should contribute to a program highlighting our natural resources and open space; perhaps a historical bent. Natural Heritage Appreciation.
 - Cultural Heritage Appreciation –River Point.

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

Next meeting is Monday, April 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. (Paul will take the minutes.)

Submitted by Aaron Svedlow.