



Falmouth Conservation Commission  
**Minutes of November 7, 2016**

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Councilor Ned Kitchel, Councilor Caleb Hemphill, Fred Dillon, Andy Jones, Colin Ellis of the Forecaster

**Pesticide Restriction Ordinance**

Susan opened the subject of an ordinance on pesticide restriction. Fred Dillon (South Portland water quality staff member) spoke from a professional perspective about South Portland's experience in developing a pesticide restriction ordinance. He also shared his experience doing the same in Portland but from the perspective of a resident. Dillon recommended broad community input in the development of an ordinance.

Andy Jones of the Toxic Action Center gave some background and historical information on pesticide usage, industry standards, and best practices. Jones spoke of increased use of pesticides on lawns. He sees this as the most serious issue involving issues of human health, animal health, and environmental health.

Following the departure of the guests, members discussed how to proceed. Caleb recommended the dog ordinance process as a model. It included on-going opportunity for community input.

The next meeting of the FCC will be on November 28 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the pesticide ordinance development process. Susan will draw up a possible process outline.

**Review of Minutes**

Minutes of the October 3, 2016, meeting were unanimously approved.

**Subcommittee Reports**

- **LMAC** (Paul)
- **Planning Board** (Nancy/Steve)
- **Wetlands/Vernal Pools** –
- **Water Quality/Erosion** (Susan/Steve) Harbor/Waterfront Committee interested in discussing water quality concerns.
- **Invasive Species** (Nancy/Sarah/Jerry)
- **Update of website and video** (Paul)
- **Ad-Hoc Zoning Committee** (Steve) No activity this month.



- **Ad Hoc Route 1 North Committee** (Paul)
- **Greening of Falmouth 2.0** – Sarah agreed to go to the “Greening of Falmouth” meeting on November 10.

**Other Business/Other Ideas**

- **Pine Grove Park:** Paul will prepare dot points for presentation in support of Pine Grove Park recommendation for a management plan.
- **FCC meetings in 2017:** Will meet on January 9 (instead of January 2) at 7:00 p.m. First Monday of each month for subsequent Commission meetings in 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting is November 28, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. (Steve will take the minutes.)

Submitted by Paul Burlin.