



Falmouth Conservation Commission  
**Minutes of February 6, 2017**

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Sarah Boudreau, Steve DeCrosta, Susan Gilpin, Karen Jacobsen, Nancy Lightbody, Sue Shane

**Also present:** Ned Kitchel, Town Council liaison to the Falmouth Conservation Commission

**Pesticide Restriction Ordinance**

Nancy reviewed communications from Full Circle Landscaping Services and the Portland Country Club. The Commission considered whether or not to postpone the Public Forum meeting with Falmouth business people from Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> due to snow. It was decided to make the determination Wednesday morning, and if necessary, postponement will be conveyed via phone, website, and Town Hall staff. It was agreed that Susan Gilpin would moderate the meeting and Nancy would keep time. Susan Gilpin reviewed a few documents verifying the impact of pesticides and fertilizers on the Casco Bay and Presumpscot River. This information will be included in her introduction at the Public Forum. Susan Gilpin also reviewed procedure for the Public Forum meeting and a discussion followed.

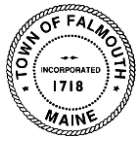
The Commission decided to hold the next two Pesticide/Fertilizer Ordinance Public Forums on March 15, 2017, from 2 – 4:00 p.m. for representatives from town departments (e.g. Town Hall, DPW, schools) and on April 12, 2017, for the general public, time to be determined later. Both meetings will be held in the Town Council Chambers.

**Preparation for Town Council Presentations on February 13, 2017**

Nancy reviewed the FCC reports regarding protection of wetlands and the anti-invasive ordinances that will be presented to the Town Council on February 13, 2017. A discussion followed. Ned Kitchel will convey the reports directly to the Town Council.

**Subcommittee Reports**

- **LMAC:** no report; representatives are needed to serve on this subcommittee
- **Planning Board:** no report
- **Wetlands/Vernal Pools:** An update was included in the earlier discussion of the FCC report regarding protection of wetlands for the Town Council.



- **Water Quality /Erosion:** Susan Gilpin suggested a project idea to replace knotweed, an invasive species, with native alternatives to forestall erosion. Nancy updated the Commission on efforts to secure funding for such a project. A discussion followed.
- **Invasive Species:** Nancy and Sarah updated the Commission on efforts to educate the public regarding invasive species. There will be two meetings held for this purpose: One meeting for abutters to the roadsides where treatment will occur will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> in the town library, 7 – 8:30 p.m., and the second will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Lunt Auditorium from 7 – 8:30 p.m. for the general public.
- **Website:** The website has been updated.
- **Ad Hoc Zoning Committee:** no report
- **Ad Hoc Route 1 North:** Paul Burlin will attend these meetings and report back to the Commission each month.
- **Greening of Falmouth 2.0:** Sarah reported on work being done to anticipate open space issues. It was suggested that a tour of Falmouth Open Spaces would be of benefit for the Commission members.

**Other Business/Other Ideas:**

- **Casco Bay Estuary Partnership:** A recent effort to secure grant funds was not approved.
- **Native Species Mini-Park at the Town Green:** no report
- **Pine Grove Park:** no report

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Jacobsen