



Falmouth Conservation Commission  
**Minutes of January 3, 2018**

**Members present:** Rich Bicknell, Sarah Boudreau, Susan Gilpin, Jerry Goodall, Karen Jacobsen, Nancy Lightbody, Sue Shane

**Also present:** Kimberly Darling (staff), Andy Jones (Town Council liaison)

The minutes for November 6, 2017, were unanimously accepted.

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**Contract Zoning**

Nancy Lightbody updated the Commission on the status of the Contract Zoning plan.

**Pesticide Restriction Ordinance**

The Commission considered next steps in developing the Falmouth Pesticide Restriction Ordinance. There was a discussion about enforcing a town pesticide ordinance. The Commission agreed that it is important to pursue a multi-pronged approach, one that includes educational programs, a restriction ordinance, and an advisory committee. Rich Bicknell and Susan Gilpin will work with Kimberly Darling to draft a Falmouth Pesticide Restriction Ordinance modeled on the South Portland ordinance. It was suggested that a team from the town attend the Northeast Organic Land Care Training Workshop held at Unity College next November.

**Lawns and Lobsters**

Nancy Lightbody reviewed plans for the upcoming "Lawns and Lobsters" educational program to be held at the Portland Country Club on March 10, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The Cumberland County Soil and Water District will offer a follow-up program about maintaining safe lawns at the Falmouth Memorial Library on April 3, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

**Subcommittee Reports**

- **LMAC (Karen)**  
Karen Jacobsen reported on the committee's efforts to organize for the coming year, set goals, and attend to improving trails in preserved land areas.
- **Planning Board (Nancy)**  
Nancy reviewed housing development proposals being considered by the Board.
- **Water Quality/Erosion (Susan G.)**  
Susan Gilpin shared observations regarding the impact of a King Tide on the Casco Bay shoreline.



- **LPAC Greening of Falmouth 2.0** (Sarah)  
Sarah Boudreau reported on the Committee's discussion of recent survey results.
- **Tree City USA** (Sue S.)  
Kimberly Darling gave an overview of the Tree City USA program. Rich Bicknell will join Kim and Sue Shane on this initiative.
- **Highland Lake** (Nancy)  
Nancy reported on the efforts of the towns of Windham and Falmouth to promote the water quality of Highland Lake.
- **Quality Open Space** (Jerry)  
Jerry Goodall attended a Farmland Trust meeting and reported on efforts to make access to farmland more financially possible.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on February 5, 2018. (Rich will take the minutes.)

Submitted by Karen Jacobsen.