



Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of October 1, 2018

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Rich Bicknell, Jean Campbell, Susan Gilpin,
Jerry Goodall, Karen Jacobsen, Nancy Lightbody

Also Present: Kimberly Darling (staff)

Review of Minutes: The minutes of September 17, 2018, were unanimously accepted.

Pesticide Restriction Ordinance

- Kimberly has sent out PR for the talk October 9 at Lunt Auditorium by Dr. Bruce Taylor about the human health effects of using pesticides.
- The Town Council Ordinance Committee will meet October 17 to decide on next steps. Nancy will attend and report back.

Tick Information Display Board

Jerry is working on a Tick Information Display Board. Kimberly and Erin Cadigan will help with production. Jerry has dozens of brochures to give out at the polls.

Subcommittee Reports:

- LMAC and Planning Board: Have not met since our last meeting.
- Water Quality/Erosion: Susan did some research on plastics in the ocean and brought some action ideas from Friends of Casco Bay. She will research the National J24 Green Regatta in September in Falmouth; we may honor them.
- Wetlands/Vernal Pools: No action.
- Invasive Species: Nancy will discuss with Falmouth 8th grade students their field trips to work on invasives at Mackworth Island. Jerry and Sarah will talk with students in Freeport. Falmouth is developing a town-wide invasives management plan with all town agencies; Bob Shafto may serve as consultant. Our primary role will continue to be education.
- Tree City USA: Rich brought in a draft ordinance for us to read and bring comments back to the next meeting. Jay Reynolds has offered to be the lead staff for Tree City. A potential celebration was discussed.
- Environmental effects of small engines: Nancy will ask the Town Council for clarity on this item.
- Highland Lake Leadership Team: The leadership team continues to meet; the cyanobacteria bloom was not visible this year.



Other Business/Other Ideas

- Coverage for the FCC's information table at the polls on November 6: Susan 7-9 a.m. and Jerry 9-11 a.m.
- The Commission endorsed the Audubon Native Species speaker series for Parks and Community Programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*Next meeting is on **Monday, November 5**, at 7:00 p.m. (**Jerry** to take the minutes)*

Submitted by Susan Gilpin.