



Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of January 7, 2019

Members Present: Rich Bicknell, Sarah Boudreau, Jeanie Campbell, Susan Gilpin, Jerry Goodall, Karen Jacobsen, Nancy Lightbody

Also Present: Kimberly Darling (staff)

Review of Minutes: The minutes of December 3, 2018, were unanimously accepted.

FCC Planning and Job Responsibilities: Meeting Secretaries as follows:

February 4 – Susan Gilpin
March 4 – Sarah Boudreau
April 1 – Rich Bicknell
May 6 – Nancy Lightbody
June 3 – Jeanie Campbell

FCC Annual Report: Nancy Lightbody reviewed the FCC Annual Report.
It was agreed to record FCC accomplishments, meetings/conferences attended, and other related efforts on a monthly basis.

Pesticide Restriction Ordinance: The Commission discussed ideas for the upcoming educational campaign:

1. A “Kid Safe Lawn” presentation at Skillins; possible speakers – Mary Cerullo, Scott Lewis; Karen J. will contact Mike Skillin.
2. Contact Julie at South Portland for possible use of their website materials; Kimberly D. will contact Julie.
3. Write content for an informative brochure/Facebook; Rich B. will work on this with Kimberly D.
4. Public presentations “Safe Lawn Care”; possible speaker – Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District staff; Nancy L. will make contact.
5. Piggyback onto Spring and Fall speakers at the Audubon; Susan G. will make contact.
6. “Cool to Get Lawns Tested” cartoons; possible MECA cartoonists; Jeanie C. will contact MECA.
7. Contact teachers at the Falmouth schools to develop science, computer, art programming to promote education about the effects of pesticide/fertilizer use; Karen J. will contact Justin Deri at Falmouth school gardens.
8. A presentation to lawn care professionals; win a free consultation; possible speaker and consultant – Chip Osborne; Nancy L. will make contact; Jerry G. and Nancy L. will contact professionals.



9. Other ideas: Lectures at Falmouth Garden Clubs, Information tables at Farmers Markets, Competitions for Best Pesticide-Free Lawns, Garden Parties to showcase pesticide-free yards, Bee Costumes, Awards

The Commission discussed the importance of a) using common language when explaining the importance of an ordinance and in response to questions, b) making the public aware of the upcoming ordinance, and c) being aware of public concerns.

The Commission discussed gathering baseline data from lawn care professionals.

Subcommittee Updates:

LMAC – The Committee is preparing for an Open Space Management workshop.

Water Quality/Erosion–Friends of Casco Bay are using new technology (Cage of Science/Data Sonde) to monitor water quality and seasonal shift

Invasive Species – no report

Tree City USA – Rich reported on the progress of the Tree City USA designation.

Tick Information – Kimberly and Jerry presented the Tick Tip banner.

Environmental Effects of Small Engines – Rich reported on his research regarding small engine use.

Planning Board – The Falmouth Memorial Library expansion will be discussed at the upcoming meeting.

Highland Lake Leadership Team – On April 10th there will be an Educational Public Forum regarding the health of the lake.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next meeting is on Monday, February 4, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. (Susan will take the minutes.)

Submitted by Karen Jacobsen.