



Conservation Commission

October 7, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Attendance

| Name | Present | Name | Present |
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| Nancy Lightbody <i>Chair</i> | ✓ | Susan Gilpin | ✓ |
| Rich Bicknell | ✓ | Jerry Goodall | ✓ |
| Sarah Boudreau | ✓ | Karen Jacobsen | |
| Jeanie Campbell | ✓ | Kimberly Darling <i>Staff</i> | ✓ |
| | | Tommy Johnson <i>Council Liaison</i> | ✓ |

Others attending: Nathan Poore, Jay Trickett, Masey Kaplan, Dick Klain, Alex Price (Attorney at Pierce Atwood)

Nancy began the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. Establish Quorum

It was observed that a quorum was established.

2. Preliminary Review of Shellfish Ordinance with Town Manager Nathan Poore and Town Councilor Jay Trickett. Nathan explained the history of the Shellfish Ordinance, and a discussion followed that determined that the Town needs to gather more information from the Department of Marine Resources and that the FCC is not ready at this time to take over management of this former committee.

3. Discussion with Masey Kaplan about assistance with a robust education campaign relating to restriction of pesticides and fertilizers. The discussion included the concept of branding in order to reach the public in a positive way. At an upcoming Ordinance Committee meeting the FCC may be asked to give a presentation and update to the Town Council as early as November. The FCC also discussed combining the outreach with other environmental efforts such as the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, as well as the continuing designation of Falmouth as a Tree City. It was suggested that Earth Day 2020 might be a good time to roll out the ordinance.

4. Review of Draft Minutes of September 9, 2019

The minutes of September 9, 2019, were approved.

5. Review of Meeting Materials: Sarah will take the minutes.

6. Public Comment

Dick Klain passed out documents regarding the celebration of Earth Day 2020 and the possibility of Falmouth joining the push to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day by using the platform to create and execute environmental initiatives.

7. Discussion of 2019-2020 Council Work Plan for the FCC

The work on invasive terrestrial plants is now considered part of the ongoing charge of the FCC and no longer will be mentioned specifically in the yearly work plan from the Council. Currently the FCC is assisting the Ordinance Committee with the restriction of pesticide and fertilizer use in Falmouth. Continuing from all his research last year, Rich will work with Tommy on creating an awareness program to educate the public about the environmental effects of small engines.

8. Subcommittee Reports

- **LMAC:** No report at this time.
- **Water Quality/Erosion:** No report at this time.
- **Wetlands/Vernal Pools:** No report at this time.
- **Invasive Species:** Nancy spoke with the eighth graders at Falmouth Middle School before they went to explore Mackworth Island and continue their work on creating a management plan for the invasives that they have found.
- **Planning Board:** Final details are being discussed for the Merrill property at the corner of Woodville and Field Roads.
- **Highland Lake Leadership Team:** Susan, Rich, and Nancy attended an introduction to limnology class. Public Service Announcements and four-year Management Plan Action Items are also being discussed.

9. Other Business/Other Ideas

- **Arbor Day:** There was discussion about combining Arbor Day, Maine 200, and Earth Day 2020 all on April 22, 2020. Would the Town of Falmouth together with many residents be able to plant 200 trees? Susan mentioned the idea of Hurricane Valley Farm perhaps planting 10 trees in its orchard. Jay Reynolds and Public Works might be able to plant 65 new trees. He will provide a list of good trees for Falmouth's soil. Jeanie, Susan, and Kimberly agreed to report about this at the next meeting.
- **Beautification:** Discussing details about a possible replanting project at Town Landing where invasives have been removed was tabled until the next meeting.
- **Informational materials:** Rich handed out packets of research relating to the FCC's work on the restriction of pesticides and fertilizers as well as suggested plants for the Town Landing area. His work will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Set Date and Agenda for Next Meeting

The FCC decided to meet next on Monday, November 4, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. (Jerry will take the minutes.)

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Sarah Boudreau.