



Conservation Commission

March 2, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Attendance

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>
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>	

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

1. Establish Quorum

It was observed that a quorum was established.

2. Review of Draft Minutes

Minutes of February 3, 2020, were approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Public comment was opened and closed.

4. Pesticide and Fertilize Restriction Ordinance

a. Update on upcoming Town Council meetings

An Order on the Ordinance and Resolution is scheduled for March 9.

b. Update from members on research for education campaign

Kimberly and Sarah: will finalize the press release for the next meeting.

Karen and Jerry: will continue working with the School and Parks Department.

Jeanie: will continue exploring home garden tours and reach out to the garden clubs.

Karen: successfully lined up classes at Skillins greenhouses. One will be held on March 7 on "Organic Practices for Healthy Lawn Care," and another will be held on April 11 on "Digging Into Soils: the Keys to Healthy Lawn Care."

Another idea the group had is for the Conservation Commission to give a Living Lawns presentation to homeowners and condo associations.

c. Review of information for the polls: Living Lawns display

The group discussed information for the March 3 polls to include the Living Lawns grass display which Rich grew, the questionnaire which Karen made, and other information on ticks and invasive plants. There will also be free soil tests available.

5. Earth Day/Earth Month: April-May 2020 (Jeanie & Susan)

- a. Review of display at the polls
- b. Review of calendar of activities for the month.

6. Environmental Effects of Small Engines

Kimberly reported that she spoke with Councilor Cahan regarding this initiative. Councilor Cahan simply is requesting education and awareness on this topic. Both thought it would be great to incorporate this into the Living Lawns campaign. A possible idea is to have information on a Living Lawns banner (like the tick banner).

7. Subcommittee Reports

LMAC: Karen reported the last LMAC meeting covered the following: elected a vice chair, discussed the rating guide, and discussed the process of executive sessions regarding site walks.

Planning Board: Nancy reported out on several Planning Board agenda items for the next evening.

Water Quality/Erosion: (Susan) No report at this time.

Wetlands/Vernal Pools: (Nancy) No report at this time.

Invasive Species: (Sarah/Jerry/Nancy) The Maine Invasives Species Network (MISN) meeting will be held on March 24.

Highland Lake Leadership Team: Nancy reported that a second public forum is being scheduled and more information will come soon.

8. Other Business/Other Ideas

- a. National Pollinators Week is June 22-28, 2020.

Rich had an idea that the Commission should hold an event of some kind.

- c. Pride Preserve (Presumpscot Regional Land Trust):

This will be further discussed at the April meeting.

9. Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting is April 6.

Minutes prepared by Kimberly Darling.