



## Conservation Commission

January 13, 2021  
Virtual Meeting Minutes

### Attendance

| <i>Name</i>                     | <i>Present</i> | <i>Name</i>                             | <i>Present</i> |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---|----------------|
| Nancy Lightbody<br><i>Chair</i> | ✓              | Jerry Goodall                           | ✓              |
| Rich Bicknell                   | ✓              | Karen Jacobsen                          | ✓              |
| Sarah Boudreau                  | ✓              |   |                |
| Jeanie Campbell                 |                | Ashley Krulik<br><i>Staff</i>           | ✓              |
|                                 |                | Tommy Johnson<br><i>Council Liaison</i> |                |

Nancy began the meeting at 7:02 p.m. via Zoom.

### Establish Quorum

It was observed that a quorum was established.

1. **Proactive Watershed Prioritization** - project team presented watershed planning presentation (Robyn Saunders, Lynn Leavitt, Harold Spetla, Theo Holtwijk, Ashley Krulik)
2. **Public Comment**  
Public comment was opened and closed.
3. **Review of Draft Minutes**  
Minutes of December 9, 2020, were approved unanimously as written.
4. **Administrative Details**  
Moving forward, meet first Monday of the month at 6:30  
Discuss Committee Chair - Nancy to continue; to discuss further with Rich
5. **Mission** – reviewed current purpose statement and determined that it accurately represents the mission of the committee and no changes are needed
6. **Pesticide & Fertilizer update** - Ashley shared details from the meeting with Town officials and water quality experts and outlined the next steps that were sent to Commission members
7. **Subcommittee Reports**

- a. REAC (Rich)
  - i. Solar ribbon cutting in June
  - ii. Sustainable Business Recognition program in development
- b. Shellfish Ordinance in development
- c. LMAC (Karen)
  - i. Discussion on e-bikes - first need to understand what an e-bike is; use enforcement by complaint
  - ii. Discussed mission statement
  - iii. Discussed whether to close Woods Rd trails this winter
  - iv. Invasive management plan - managed by Sustainability Office, LMAC could be involved when asking for funding and adding insect invasive
- d. Tree City USA: Heritage Trees (Rich)
  - i. Need to do something tree related for Earth Day
  - ii. Rich to look into Earth Day event for Conservation Commission
- e. Planning Board (Nancy)
  - i. Discussion around 4-story building on Rt 1 in Shaw's complex - watershed protection, runoff from impervious surface, construction needed for Rt 1
  - ii. Conservation Commission to write a letter with opinion
- f. Water Quality/Erosion – no update
- g. Wetlands/Vernal Pools (Nancy) - no update
- h. Invasive Species (Sarah/Jerry/Nancy)
  - i. Registered for MISN annual meeting
- i. Highland Lake Leadership Team (Nancy)
  - i. Working on education and outreach strategy
- j. Plastics (Karen/Sarah)
  - i. Wrote 2 educational articles about plastics to be included in Falmouth Focus
  - ii. Goal is to get public educated about plastics
  - iii. Fine tune articles to align with FCC mission
  - iv. Recommend members subscribe to Beyond Plastics
  - v. Pursue water testing for plastics

## **8. Other Business/Other Ideas**

Future work plan items - invite Theo to the next meeting to discuss ideas

### **Adjourned at 9:03 p.m.**

The date for the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2021, at 6:30p.m.