



Falmouth Conservation Commission  
**Minutes of June 2, 2014**

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Nancy Lightbody, Jerry Goodall, Steve DeCrosta, Paul Burlin, Susan Gilpin, and Sarah Boudreau.

***Review of Minutes***

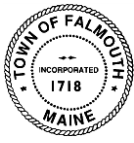
The May minutes were approved as written, with the amendment that the 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet under invasive species be removed, as new information about neonicotinoids has come to light; Sarah is investigating their use and safety.

***Review of Coverage at the FCC Information Table at the Polls on June 10***

Nancy brought Invasive T-shirts. Jerry will bring in samples of four invasive species. He and Nancy will set up the table. The banner and new brochures will be available.

***Subcommittee Discussions and Reports***

- **LMAC:** No report, as Aaron was out of town.
- **Stormwater:** No report.
- **Invasive Species**  
Nancy and Jerry are going to Community Park the morning of June 10 with some middle school students to tag invasives, especially honeysuckle, in the basswood and maple forest. In the afternoon, the students will create a display and brochures and plan a presentation to peers. Paul suggested they address the Town Council, too. For comparison, Portland, OR, has legislation about invasives.
- **Planning Board**  
Richard Russell's development on Falmouth Road and Falls Road will be considered in June. There are some concerns about vernal pools and with the entrance road.
- **Ad-Hoc Zoning:** No report. Haven't met lately.
- **Vernal Pools:** No report, as Aaron was out of town.
- **Ad Hoc Route 100:** Sarah has been appointed. Hasn't met yet.
- **Liaison with the Comprehensive Plan**  
Paul is looking into the proposed Timbercreek development on Longwoods Road. He is going to meet with Amanda ASAP. The state DOT is interested in traffic implications. He is learning from experiences in Wells, ME.



### ***Quality Open Space***

Nancy has talked with Amanda Stearns and Bob Shafto about how to define “quality open space.” As LMAC and the Conservation Committee are both charged with the acquisition and stewardship of quality open space, it is not clear how the two are to coordinate their efforts. Nancy will talk with Councilors Mahoney and Orestis and town manager Nathan Poore about this. She will keep us updated over the summer.

### ***Other Business/Other Ideas***

- Paul is going to interview the Police Chief about their new policy of not idling the engines on their cruisers when it is safe to do so. He will report in September.

### ***Action Items***

- Nancy will talk with Councilor Mahoney about the role of the Conservation Commission in land acquisition.
- Paul will talk with the Police Chief about their new policy of not idling engines.
- Paul will try to talk with Amanda about Timbercreek.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Susan Gilpin.