



Falmouth Conservation Commission  
**Minutes of September 8, 2014**

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Nancy Lightbody, Jerry Goodall, Steve DeCrosta, Paul Burlin, Susan Gilpin, Aaron Svedlow, and Sarah Boudreau

**Also present:** Caleb Hemphill (briefly)

***Review of Minutes***

The June minutes were approved as written. Minute-takers for upcoming months: September: Susan; October: Paul; November: Aaron; December: Nancy; January: Sarah; February: Aaron; March: Steve; April: Paul; May: Susan; June: Steve. All minute-takers should be sure to use the same format (i.e., just paste your new information into these old minutes). Thank you!

***Subcommittee Discussions and Reports***

- **LMAC**  
Aaron attended in August. The new town forester is Paul Larrabee. LMAC is looking into the access of dogs to public lands. A public forum will be held. Aaron has volunteered to serve on LMAC. We agreed that the Conservation Committee needs a voting member on LMAC. Nancy will talk with Caleb Hemphill about this.
- **Stormwater**  
Jay Reynolds, the head of Public Works, attends the stormwater meetings, along with public works heads from other towns. Nancy gets their e-mails regularly, so we agreed that the committee does not need to send a member to all their meetings. She will forward committee members items of particular interest, such as non-point pollutants and pesticides; this is already part of our job description from the Comprehensive Plan.
- **Invasive Species**  
Nancy, Jerry, and Sarah met once this summer. Demonstrations are coming up at Winslow Farm, September 13 at 9 a.m., and September 27 at Skillins with Bob Bittenbender. Community gardeners at Audubon will be removing invasives again. Jerry went to a workshop at Baxter Woods on invasives.
- **Planning Board**  
We are still looking for the most efficient way to review developments before the Planning Board. We are going to ask Jay Chace, chair of the Planning Board, to meet with us on October 6 or November 3 to keep us abreast of upcoming developments. Our concerns would include, among other topics, invasives, anything that requires a site law permit from DEP, and anything requiring an NRPA permit.
- **Ad-Hoc Zoning**: Steve has been appointed. Hasn't met yet.



- **Vernal Pools:** No action. Aaron is going to survey the vernal pool on Clapboard.
- **Ad Hoc Route 100:**  
Sarah represents us. It met twice this summer and toured Route 100. The road is starting to crumble. Noise is another issue.
- **Liaison with the Comprehensive Plan**  
The CDC meets every Monday; Paul is on the list-serve. One issue is maintaining the line between urban and rural to preserve the town's rural character. This is of concern for the Timber Creek subdivision. The next Comprehensive Planning meeting is October 9 at 6 pm. To attend, contact Theo.

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

- The Falmouth Police Dept. reduced idling and cut their fuel use 15%.
- Aaron is continuing to work on his informational PowerPoint presentation.
- Neonicotinoids: "Pollinator Health and Safety Conference" is coming up November 20 at Sable Oaks.
- Blueberries: The weather window for pollinating is shorter now, 2 weeks instead of 4, and it is shifting to be earlier.

#### ***Action Items***

- Nancy will talk with Councilor Hemphill about the Conservation Committee needing a voting member on LMAC.
- Nancy will contact Lisa S. to try to figure out how to work with Winmail that appears to be a problem with notes from the Planning Board and the CDC.
- Steve will ask Jay Chace, chair of the Planning Board, to meet with us on October 6 or November 3 to keep us abreast of upcoming developments. Steve will let us know what happens.
- All of us need to let Theo know if we are able to attend the Comprehensive Plan meeting now scheduled for October 9.
- All of us should send to Aaron photos of the work of the Conservation Commission for a presentation he is making for 8<sup>th</sup> grade science students.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting is Monday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Susan Gilpin.