



Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of October 6, 2014

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Nancy Lightbody, Jerry Goodall, Steve DeCrosta, Paul Burlin, Susan Gilpin, Aaron Svedlow (on the phone), and Sarah Boudreau

Also present: Caleb Hemphill

Review of Minutes of the September meeting. Minutes were approved.

Hemphill was asked about LMAC and FCC roles. He indicated there is some overlap, but different. He gave an example of FCC and private landowners and invasives and LMAC with the similar responsibilities, but on town land. Town Council input will be needed if FCC brings forward ordinance on invasive plants and contractor fill. Non-point pollutants might be a new focus for the FCC.

Subcommittee Discussions and Reports

- **LMAC**

Aaron is now a voting member of LMAC. He reported that there are issues with dogs and open spaces in town. There is thought, Hemphill reported, that LMAC may recommend that the town enforce existing regulations that are now often not enforced. It can be controversial.

- **Stormwater**

Susan is willing to attend an up-coming ISWG committee meeting in November.

- **Invasive Species**

There was a workshop planned at Winslow Farms. Of the few there, there was a discussion of what steps could be taken to begin a discussion of dealing with invasives on disturbed land. On 11/19/14 there will be an invasives meeting with town officials on how to proceed with a potential town policy that would help get rid of invasive terrestrial plants by requiring developers and builders to use clean, invasive-free fill. Perhaps it is time to move from education to an ordinance proposal.

- **Planning Board**

Steve reported that we are trying to develop an avenue of communication between the Planning Board and the FCC so there will be a free flow of information back and forth so that the FCC can help the Planning Board make better decisions. Hemphill shared that insofar as the Planning Board is new in terms of membership, it may be willing to have such an avenue for consistent information flow. The Planning Board will tell the FCC how it can be helpful. Steve will report back. Turning Point Development might a good test case of this avenue.



- **Ad-Hoc Zoning**

There will be a kick-off meeting on 10/14/14. Steve has yet to be appointed and needs to be. The Town has hired a consulting company and software to help evaluate zoning requirements and compliance.

- **Vernal Pools**

Aaron reported there is a need to determine priority pools for spring evaluation. He could also use volunteers to help map. Hemphill thinks FCC mapping, monitoring, and keeping these pools in public eye are within the domain of the FCC.

- **Ad Hoc Route 100:**

There has been one meeting. Sarah reported that Andrea Ferrante is chair and Joe MacDonald is Vice Chair. An RFP is being submitted to help with the project: engineering and planning capacity. Sarah and Andrea agreed that "corridor" is not the best term so that now it is referred to as the Route 100 "area." They will do an inventory of people who live along the 6-mile route from Cumberland to Portland. It is regional issue. They will ask "What would you change?" The committee will meet again on 10/8/14.

- **Liaison with the Comprehensive Plan**

No report.

Action Items

- 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 8th grade science students.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting is Monday, November 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Paul Burlin.