



Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of June 1, 2015

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Nancy Lightbody, Jerry Goodall, Aaron Svedlow, Sarah Boudreau, Steve DeCrosta, and Caleb Hemphill (Town Council liaison)

Review of Minutes

The May 4 minutes were approved with the condition that the minutes be amended to reflect the Route 100 program's values in millions not thousands. (Sarah motioned, and Steve seconded).

Polls

There was a discussion about the volunteers' schedule for the polls.

7:15 Subcommittee Discussions and Reports

- **Vernal Pools (Aaron)**
There was a discussion on the function of vernal pools and resilience to drought conditions. There was a recommendation that a vernal pool survey program be developed in anticipation of next season.
- **LMAC (Aaron)**
Aaron provided a summary of the LMAC minutes; these minutes are available for review upon request. LMAC has recommended to the Town Council that a buildable lot be split from the Hadlock Forest and sold to raise funds for future land acquisitions.
- **Stormwater (Susan)**
No update at this time.
- **Invasive Species (Nancy-Sarah-Jerry)** Meeting in library for West Falmouth landowners regarding the roadside anti-invasive pesticide application. The applicators, Bob Shafto, Nancy, Sarah, and Jerry will also be present. Nancy and Jerry sent out 145 letters to the public affected by the forthcoming application. In the letter, there are options for the public to opt-out of this application if they'd like, even along the roadside in front of their property. The letter explains the applicator's qualifications and the purpose of the pilot study.
- **Planning Board (Steve)**
Overlay district proposed for 60 Gray Road, Haggerty Property development, Tidewater restaurant sketch review, and Chase Route One storage facility site plan review are on the agenda for the next meeting. There is a need to make sure that FCC does review items, even if there are no flags. There was



discussion about the FCC periodically commenting on plans, even if it is in support of the review. Steve agreed to update FCC if there are any issues or items of interest over the summer on development projects. Steve will provide reference material for review, and FCC can hold a special meeting if discussion or votes are necessary.

- **Ad-Hoc Zoning (Steve)**

Last Thursday's meeting was not a quorum and thus couldn't vote, but nonetheless, was a productive meeting. Steve received a clean version of the revised ordinance. Staff reviewed and KKC (the ordinance and website contractors) revised a clean copy of Module 1 of the revised town ordinance and elements of the new ordinance website. Zoning and non-Zoning were discussed, and consensus was reached. Links of zoning districts will be added to GIS map tools on the town website. Specifics over formatting were discussed in the Ad-Hoc Zoning meeting to assure consistency of the visual mapping products and ordinance text. "Use Tables" (i.e. a hyperlink in a table that allows a website user to evaluate the ordinance language for each district and overlay) are included. These will allow users to explore all permitted uses and requirements for their respective districts and overlay districts. The goal of this effort is to simplify and unify the ordinance for lay users. The Ad-Hoc Zoning committee is still working on definitions and other specifics of the revisions. Town Staff are also involved in the process. The next meeting will be a conference call with KKC, Ad-Hoc Zoning, and Town Staff. The Ad-Hoc Zoning committee would like to hold an internal town committee's stakeholder meeting prior to opening up the ordinance and website to the public. Nancy and Jerry will work with Steve to assure that the invasive language and species list is adequate in Module 2 of the unified ordinance.

- **Ad Hoc Route 100 Vision Committee (Sarah)**

The Town Council accepted the Route 100 recommendations unanimously. Sarah attended both the preliminary meeting and the voting meeting; the budget and vision were approved. The next step is the Town will issue an RFP for an extensive engineering study. Maine DOT is likely to provide 30 percent of the funding, and the Town may use tax increment financing to fund the project. There is a lot of optimism that the project will improve the look of Route 100, opportunities to grow business, and safety. There is still a public vote that will be required after the engineering survey is conducted. The project could occur as soon as 2017. The report is available on the Town website. The Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee (FEIC) presented at the same Town Council meeting as the Ad Hoc Route 100.

- **Liaison with the Comprehensive Plan (Paul)**

Paul provided an update to Nancy. The liaison is on hold for now.

- **Senior Capstone/Service Learning Project for FCC website (Paul)**

Paul and Nancy have been working on a small, freely prepared, pamphlet or leaflet for the November polls. The purpose of the leaflet is to educate the public



about the capabilities of the FCC and the website. Paul is continuing to work on this. This would not be a mailing but a handout. The handout would be a bridge and reminder to visit the website, and the efforts of the group would be directed toward the website.

8:30 Adjourned

Next meeting is Monday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Aaron Svedlow