



Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of May 2, 2016

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Jerry Goodall, Nancy Lightbody, Steve DeCrosta, Sarah Boudreau, Susan Gilpin

Also present: Councilor Ned Kitchel

Review of Minutes

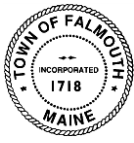
Minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Update on Comprehensive Plan duties

- We will wait on the wetlands report until Aaron is here.
- Susan is exploring the thought of asking Friends of Casco Bay to speak about the restriction of pesticides at the Town Council workshop this summer.
- Susan also mentioned a book "Bringing Nature Home" encouraging people to leave some natural areas as part of a plan to clean up and/or landscape yard areas. Susan has looked at six local church grounds and found all have invasive species. A project to "Bring Nature Home" has started at these locations focusing on utilizing native species as a replacement. Nancy will further explore these thoughts with Maine Audubon and also the Falmouth Tercentennial Committee.

Subcommittee Discussions and Reports

- **LMAC (Aaron)**
No report at this time.
- **Planning Board (Aaron)**
Nancy reported for Aaron there will be no Re-Zoning Regulation meeting as previously scheduled. The upcoming Planning Board agenda includes Amendments to Section 19-1 of the Code of Ordinances, Zoning and Site Plan Review Ordinance, to create a new Retirement Community Overlay District to facilitate the expansion of the Avesta Blackstone housing development on Squidere Lane and also Amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Section 19-25 Elementary School Redevelopment District (ESRD), in relation to the development of the Plummer School into affordable elderly housing units.
- **Vernal Pools (Aaron)**
Steve reported Aaron has conducted training and mapping of vernal pools with FCC members.



- **Storm water and Sea Level Rise (Susan)**

Susan stated there has been some interest in the selling of the Brown parcel by the town. A town committee has been formed to review the approximately three acres.

- **Invasive Species (Nancy-Sarah-Jerry)**

The subcommittee sent out a survey to those who participated in last fall's eradication efforts. The subcommittee will compile the survey data and include the information in a presentation to the Town Council on May 23rd, along with a report about the roadside eradication of invasive species on town-owned land. A meeting/workshop on June 13th is scheduled for area residents of this year's spraying project in the middle part of Falmouth.

- **Update of Website (Paul)**

Nancy reported that Paul is currently updating the video and is hoping to review it with everyone next month.

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

No report at this time.

- **Ad Hoc Route 1 North Committee (Paul)**

Nancy reported that Paul has had an interview and is waiting to be contacted.

Other business:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting is Monday, June 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. (Aaron will take the minutes.)

Submitted by Steve DeCrosta