



Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of June 6, 2016

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Councilor Ned Kitchel

Review of Minutes

Minutes of the May 2, 2016, meeting were approved unanimously as amended.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be September 13, 2016. The FCC adjourns for the summer.

There was a brief discussion about the June 14th polls, and who would staff the FCC information table.

Subcommittee Discussions and Reports

- **LMAC (Aaron)**
 - Proposed changes to the dog rules still the primary issue at LMAC. Biodiversity Research Institute bird frames' display for River Point is on the June LMAC agenda.
- **Planning Board (Aaron)**
 - Harriman project may have stormwater issues. FCC should monitor the proposed development.
- **Vernal Pools (Aaron)**
 - The 2007 Natural Resources Protection Report was recently reviewed by the Vernal Pools subcommittee. The FCC discussed providing a recommendation to the Council regarding wetlands and vernal pools ordinances in fall 2016.
 - A motion was made by Nancy that the FCC members "endorse the draft recommendations letter to the Council prepared by the Vernal Pool subcommittee, regarding the Natural Resources Protection Report and recommendations contained therein." The motion was seconded by Paul and passed unanimously.



- **Stormwater and Sea Level Rise (Susan)**
 - There was a brief discussion of the Brown property on Foreside. The Council has formed a subcommittee to discuss the disposition of this property.
 - Members were reminded that there is a sea level report available for Falmouth and Casco Bay.
 - The Cumberland County Soil and Water District is doing a Presumpscot River assessment with Westbrook 10th graders. This could also be done with Falmouth High School students. Nancy will follow up with the school. This could be a service project for the High Schoolers.
 - There is a Presumpscot River Watch 4-6 pm at USM, Jerry to attend.
 - Friends of Casco Bay is monitoring nitrogen by boat and kayak. Susan has information.

- **Invasive Species (Nancy-Sarah-Jerry)**
 - There will be an informational meeting at the Library for landowners regarding invasive species control on Town rights-of-way in September for Central Falmouth residents. A letter was sent to landowners in mid-May.
 - Landowners can opt out of the treatment or elect to pay more to have their entire property treated.
 - A survey of landowners was conducted. Landowners that were involved in the program last year received the surveys; 17% of the 145 responded, with a mostly positive response.
 - There was a discussion regarding the permanence of invasive control funding. It was generally agreed that keeping the funding as an annual line item in the town budget would be prudent.

- **Update of Website (Paul)**
 - Paul shared the new website introduction video.
 - Next step is for an invasive species informational video.
 - Need video of invasive species control/spraying.

- **Ad-Hoc Zoning (Steve)**
 - No report

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

The committee submitted its final draft of the engineering study with its budgetary changes on January 28, 2015. The report is available for viewing on the town's website. The Town Council will vote on approval at a later date.

- **Ad Hoc Route 1 North Committee (Paul)**
 - Meeting for the first time in late June. History and purpose of committee are a little unclear at this time. Mill Creek sedimentation may be concern if new development creates more impervious areas and storm water issues.



Other business:

- There was a discussion of the Bringing Nature Home initiative of the Tercentennial committee. Also, a natural history of Falmouth, and landscaping at the new library could showcase Town native species. Major Tercentennial themes for FCC to discuss next time:
 - Library native species garden (e.g., native gardens at Fort Williams)
 - Native plants at home
 - Reduce non-point pollution
 - Nice landscaping at town hall

- Winter moth should be discussed.

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

Next meeting is September 13, 2016

Submitted by Aaron Svedlow