



Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of May 1, 2017

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Sarah Boudreau, Steve DeCrosta, Susan Gilpin, Jerry Goodall, Karen Jacobsen, Nancy Lightbody, Sue Shane

Also present: Ned Kitchel (Town Council liaison to the Falmouth Conservation Commission)

Review of Minutes

Minutes of the April 3, 2017, meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

Coverage at the FCC information table at the polls on June 13

Please let Nancy know if you are available.

Pesticide Restriction Ordinance

A debriefing of the April 12th residential fact finding meeting was followed by numerous discussions regarding how the Commission should move forward. The Commission acknowledged the complexity of this subject after reviewing all of the fact-finding missions thus far. Further exploration of not only the subject matter but the direction of process took place. A summary of progress will be structured and presented to the Town Council in the next couple of weeks to meet the requested deadline.

Subcommittee Reports (Reports were limited due to the lack of time)

- **LMAC** (Karen)
Reports no meeting over the last month; however, the process of redoing the map and its focus is ongoing.
- **Planning Board** (Nancy/Steve)
Request for Shoreland Zone Approval for removal of a portion of McDermott Way and re-use of the associated fill material near Suckfish Brook were mentioned.
- **Wetlands/Vernal Pools** (Nancy)
The FCC will lead a workshop for the Town Council in early summer.
- **Water Quality/Erosion** (Susan/Steve/Sue)
(Related to pesticide restriction ordinance: See above.)
- **Invasive Species** (Sarah, Jerry, Nancy)
No one knows the reason behind the proposed bill to restrict the recent law that prohibits the importation, sale, and distribution of certain invasive terrestrial plants in Maine as of January 1, 2018.



- **Ad Hoc Zoning Committee (Steve)**
No report at this time.
- **Ad Hoc Route 1 North Committee ()**
The committee has continued to discuss traffic lane configurations, bicycles, pedestrians, and preserving the natural character of Falmouth.
- **LPAC: Greening of Falmouth 2.0 (Sarah)**
No report at this time

Other Business/Other Ideas:

- **Native Species Mini-Park at the Town Green (Susan/Jerry)**
No update at this time, but there have been discussions of having a monthly lecture series featuring Falmouth's different "landscapes" during the Town's Tercentennial Celebration in 2018.
- On May 3rd **Bob Shafto** will give all the FCC members a tour of Falmouth's parks and open spaces beginning at 8:30.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Steve DeCrosta.