



Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of November 6, 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: Kimberly Darling (staff), Andy Jones (Town Council liaison), Mabel O'Brien (resident)

Polls for November 7:

Review of volunteer times and rules for voting day.

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of the October 2, 2017, meeting were unanimously approved.

Town Council Work Plan Items:

Kimberly suggested working in conjunction with REAC to coordinate efforts regarding a Tree City designation. Sue Shane offered to help with the process.

Update on Contract Zoning Review:

After reviewing our concerns, Kimberly shared that there was some question as to whether the developer had met all the expectations and questions of the Council. At 6:30 tomorrow night, the Town Council will have a public hearing about a proposed moratorium.

Update on Pesticide Restriction Ordinance:

Nancy brought up the idea of using the next year to work on education, and Amanda thought it might be a possibility. Kimberly mentioned that enforcement of an ordinance is very important. It was decided that we would simultaneously work on education about pesticides and the details of an ordinance. Kimberly will try to schedule a meeting with Julie Rosenbach in South Portland to help us navigate the process.

Update on Falmouth300 events: "Changing Landscapes, Shifting Tides"

Nancy spoke with Mel Dickenson. As part of the Tercentennial celebration, in March we could have a space and support from Portland Country Club where we could do a presentation. This could include speakers from PCC, Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District, and perhaps a nursery person. Paul Schlein has agreed to consult with us. Karen, Susan, (and Mabel) offered to help. March 10 will work for PCC. "Lawns to Lobsters" might be used as the title of the presentation.



Subcommittee Reports

- **Planning Board** (Nancy/Steve)
Continued discussion of subdivision moratorium options, either with retroactivity included or with retroactivity removed.
- **LMAC** (Karen)
Karen reported that the Planning Board has discussed the definition of a “jewel property,” adding that jewel properties help retain the look of a rural town. The committee identified the top ten properties for the future. Access issues need to be clarified by the Falmouth Land Trust in the Pleasant Hill area and Autumn Way. Karen also mentioned a discussion of the liability of beehives on property.
- **Water Quality/Erosion** (Susan)
Susan passed out a flyer called “Preventing Ticks in the Yard.” Steve mentioned that cedar oil deters ticks.
- **Wetlands/Vernal Pools** (Nancy)
On hold: CDC will take the lead on this.
- **Invasive Species** (Nancy/Sarah/Jerry)
Jerry and Bob Shafto are going mapping on Wednesday. Jerry spoke with Bob about Jeff Taylor and that he may try to start his own company. Jerry also hoped that the dead invasive plants by the roadsides could be gathered in the future.
- **LPAC: Greening of Falmouth 2.0** (Sarah) No new report.

Other Business/Other Ideas

- Steve announced that he has to resign from all his committees because he is moving. Everyone thanked him for his service on the FCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting is November 30 at 12:00 noon. The January meeting will take place on January 3, 2018.

Submitted by Sarah Boudreau.