



Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of February 5, 2018

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also present: Kimberly Darling (staff)

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of the January 3, 2018, meeting were unanimously approved.

Update on Pesticide Restriction Ordinance:

The majority of the meeting was taken up with discussion regarding the Falmouth pesticide ordinance draft.

Several items/questions came out at the beginning of the discussion:

Council really only wants bullet points for items the FCC wants included in the pesticide ordinance; we do not need to write the entire ordinance.

Do we want to include fertilizers in the ordinance?

Do we want a shorter less detailed ordinance or a longer more comprehensive one?

Thoughts from Kim:

Harpswell has a very comprehensive fertilizer and pesticide ordinance that is only six pages long. The South Portland ordinance is good, Harpswell might be a better model to follow.

Thoughts from Susan:

Portland has specifics and details how much fines should be.

The Falmouth ordinance (the one Rich drafted) parallels Portland and South Portland.

Pesticides and fertilizers can be separate ordinances but submitted together.

Thoughts from Sarah:

We are a much smaller locality than Portland and South Portland; a smaller ordinance might be better.

Including fertilizers from the beginning might get more notice and greater media attention.



Thoughts from Karen:

We should include fertilizer in the ordinance from the beginning in order to raise awareness that they go hand in hand with pesticides as an issue.

Thoughts from Rich:

Simpler is probably better; it will be more easily understood by anyone (from public to council) reading it for the first time.

I was not able to find any ordinances in the US prohibiting sales of pesticides.

The draft I sent out earlier was based on the South Portland ordinance because we were given permission to use it as much as we wanted. I will read the Harpswell ordinance and see about coming up with a Falmouth version of that one.

Thoughts from Nancy:

Will send out the draft Rich wrote and his bibliography to all members of the commission (it was distributed only to the ordinance subcommittee).

The group brainstormed bullet points to send to council and came up with a lengthy list. The list will be sent to commission members by Thursday for thoughts on one- or two-word descriptors for each bullet and input on whether or not every bullet is necessary. The bullet list will be a topic of discussion at the next FCC meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

- **Planning Board** (Nancy/Steve)
- **LMAC** (Karen)
- **Water Quality/Erosion** (Susan)
- **Wetlands/Vernal Pools** (Nancy)
- **Invasive Species** (Nancy/Sarah/Jerry)
- **LPAC: Greening of Falmouth 2.0** (Sarah)

Other Business/Other Ideas

- On March 7, the Highland Lake Association will be sponsoring a public forum to discuss issues affecting the lake.
- This Tuesday there will be a “Lawns and Lobsters” meeting about plans for March 10.



- A Tree City update will be coming up soon (update at the next FCC meeting).
- Sue would like folks to send her any tick information you might have; she will collate and distribute as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting is Monday, March 5, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by Richard Bicknell.