



Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of September 17, 2018

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Rich Bicknell, Sarah Boudreau, Jean Campbell, Susan Gilpin, Jerry Goodall, Karen Jacobsen, Nancy Lightbody

Also Present: Kimberly Darling (staff), Aaron Svedlow (Town Council liaison)

Review of Minutes: The minutes of June 4, 2018 were unanimously accepted after substituting the word "regarding" for "re."

Designation of Minute-Takers: October – Susan Gilpin
November – Jerry Goodall
December – Jean Campbell

Update on Pesticide Restriction Ordinance:

Nancy reported that the draft ordinance remains in Town Council hands. Following an October review, the Council will determine next steps.

The Commission discussed an upcoming opportunity to dispose of unusable pesticides.

The Commission discussed the need to advertise Dr. Bruce Taylor's upcoming October 9th lecture regarding the human health effects of pesticide use.

The Commission discussed possible ideas for a spring speaker as part of the ongoing effort to educate the public regarding safe pesticide use.

Town Council Liaison:

Nancy introduced Aaron Svedlow, this year's (2018 – 19) Town Council liaison.

Town Council Work Plan (2019-2019):

The Commission discussed and clarified the tasks identified in the Work Plan with Aaron.

Tick Information Display Board:

Jerry reviewed display board options and it was decided to work up a mock poster at the next meeting.

Subcommittee Reports:

LMAC: Karen reported on efforts to maintain the hiking and biking trails.



Water Quality and Erosion: The Commission reviewed the draft of a policy statement written by Susan regarding the possible Falmouth Village development.

Wetlands and Vernal Pools: Nancy will speak with the CDC about the Commission's next steps in addressing the assignment to develop a vernal pool policy.

Invasive Species: Nancy reported that the Town will incorporate monies for invasive species removal into the annual budget.

Nancy will email to members the town's position statement regarding the use of herbicides to control invasives.

Nancy reported on a new invasive in the town, The Tree of Heaven.

LPAC: Sarah reported that the final draft of the Greening of Falmouth 2.0 has been submitted to the Town Council.

Tree City: Rich reviewed the requirements for achieving Tree City status and agreed to draft a tree care ordinance.

Planning Board: No meeting/report

Highland Lake Leadership Team: Nancy updated the Commission on collaborative work between Falmouth and Windham to determine the cause of algae growth.

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

Next FCC meeting is on Monday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Jacobsen.