



Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of March 4, 2019

Members Present: Sarah Boudreau, Rich Bicknell, Jeanie Campbell, Jerry Goodall, Karen Jacobsen, Nancy Lightbody

Also Present: Kimberly Darling (staff)

Review of Minutes: The minutes of February 4, 2019, were unanimously accepted.

Pesticide Restriction Ordinance

- Kimberly reported the Town Council Ordinance Committee is meeting Friday, and they will look at the education and outreach of the proposal. The applicator registry system will be discussed. The Ordinance Committee will present to the Town Council, usually with public comments. Next step is the Town Council will vote on it.
- Dana Colihan from the Toxics Action Center in Portland contacted Nancy and has offered help in promoting an initiative aimed at large numbers of people. They have helped in South Portland, and their help is free. The option was left open. Kimberly is planning to work with Julie Rosenbach of South Portland, and Kimberly will explore education outreach help with Julie.
- Next steps for education will be:
 - April 10, at Lunt Auditorium from 6-8 PM, the CCSWCD will present a talk on Healthy Lawn Care. Kimberly printed flyers for the talk, and committee members will distribute them around town.
 - Chad Skillin will give a talk at Skillins, probably in April.
 - Karen spoke with Justin Derry at the Schools, and he mentioned that the elementary school might be the best format for reaching children. Gary Glick at the High School will try to help.
 - Kimberly will get the info packets from South Portland and will create a sustainability website with links to Falmouth recycling and to the Falmouth Conservation Commission. Discussion of whether an ad in the Forecaster would be advantageous. Nancy will speak with Kate Collins from the newspaper. Kimberly referenced the Beyond Pesticides website and the information there.
 - We are still looking for other presenters to give talks.
 - Discussion of whether we as FCC should make overtures to LPAC to help with environmental concerns, including development.
 - Discussion of grant money that was received and hoped to be used for water testing/stream health and is there anything from an operational standpoint that can/should be changed.
- Some discussion on the pace of change and how delays can be frustrating. Perhaps scheduling other public talks could be helpful. Jerry will explore the possibilities.



Subcommittee Updates:

Tree City USA (Rich) April 27 was chosen for Falmouth's Arbor Day, and we are looking for the Town's biggest tree, determined by circumference and height. The Town will be planting a new tree, and a native species was suggested.

LMAC (Karen)--LMAC is reviewing and clarifying the open space plan implementation strategy.

Water Quality/Erosion--(Susan) See prior discussion.

Invasive Species--(Sarah/Jerry/Nancy) In Rockland the next MISN meeting will take place on April 3. Several members may want to attend. Nancy mentioned a conference put on by the Maine Coast Heritage Trust. Kimberly showed the Invasive Management Plan for invasive terrestrial plants. Mapping will include open spaces and parks and coordinating with Audubon and the Land Trust.

Tick Information--(Jerry) The banner will be quoted and in the works soon.

Environmental effects of small engines--(Rich) Rich presented a handout. The committee decided that the subject is not of concern at this time to the FCC.

Planning Board--(Nancy) No report at this time.

Highland Lake Leadership Team--(Nancy) No report at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next meeting is on Monday, April 1, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. (Nancy will take the minutes.)

Submitted by Sarah Boudreau.