



Conservation Commission

June 1, 2020
Virtual Meeting Minutes

Attendance

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>
Nancy Lightbody <i>Chair</i>	✓	Susan Gilpin	✓
Rich Bicknell	✓	Jerry Goodall	✓
Sarah Boudreau	✓	Karen Jacobsen	✓
Jeanie Campbell	✓	Kimberly Darling <i>Staff</i>	✓
		Tommy Johnson <i>Council Liaison</i>	

Nancy began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

1. Establish Quorum

It was observed that a quorum was established.

2. Administrative Details

3. Review of Draft Minutes

Minutes of March 2, 2020, were approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment

Public comment was opened and closed.

5. Pesticide and Fertilize Restriction Ordinance Updates

In spite of the pandemic there have already been 15 registrations from sole proprietors and business entities. (Chemlawn has changed its name to TruGreen.) It was asked whether the pandemic had changed the care of the school playing fields because they were being used less often. Nancy will ask Matt from The Grounds Crew.

Unfortunately, we haven't been able to carry out our in-person ideas, but the town will continue to send out periodic e-notices, such as "What to ask your lawn care person?" Even though he wasn't able to be part of our LivingLawnseducational campaign on April 11 at Skillins, Jason Lilly from UMaine Cooperative Extension has posted a good video about soil on that website.

6. Earth Day/Earth Month: April-May 2020

The Tree City USA signs have arrived and will be installed as soon as possible. There is a webinar about Falmouth's forests.

7. Subcommittee Reports

a. **LMAC** (Karen): No report at this time.

b. **Planning Board** (Nancy): Final approval for two large subdivisions is on the agenda for tomorrow night: Homestead Acres at the beginning of Mountain Road and the 20-unit major subdivision on the Gray Road. There are also requests for private way amendments to create two new lots off Winn Road and another off Middle Road.

c. **Water Quality/Erosion** (Susan): Susan will report to Kimberly about the Governor's Climate Council and how towns deal with sea level rise. Jerry asked what Falmouth is doing with the sludge from our wastewater treatment plant.

d. **Wetlands/Vernal Pools** (Nancy): No report at this time.

e. **Environmental Effects of Small Engines** (Rich/Tommy): Even though this Work Plan topic has been completed, perhaps information about it could be incorporated into a Living Lawns educational display (like the tick banner).

f. **Invasive Species** (Sarah/Jerry/Nancy): The Town will continue to send out occasional informational e-messages about how to deal with different invasive terrestrial plants.

g. **Highland Lake Leadership Team** (Nancy): There was a meeting last week for the first time in a long time. Funding for HLLT-related projects from Falmouth and from Windham was discussed. The Watershed Management Plan was approved, and there was a discussion about the best ways to implement it.

8. Other Business/Other Ideas

a. National Pollinators Week is June 22-28, 2020.

b. Pride Preserve (Presumpscot Regional Land Trust): Frances Pride has donated 175 acres to the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. It is off Duck Pond Road, adjacent to the Falmouth Land Trust's Hardy Road conservation area and is the largest conserved forestland in urban greater Portland.

9. Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The date for the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 14, 2020.

Submitted by Susan Gilpin and Nancy Lightbody.