



Falmouth Conservation Commission  
**Minutes of April 1, 2019**

**Members Present:** Sarah Boudreau, Rich Bicknell, Jeanie Campbell, Susan Gilpin, Karen Jacobsen, Nancy Lightbody

**Also Present:** Kimberly Darling (staff)

**Review of Minutes:** The minutes of March 4, 2019, were approved as amended.

**Pesticide Restriction Ordinance**

- The Ordinance Committee suggested several education ideas, including home garden tours and suggestions for finding a marketing consultant.
- Karen reported that Jesse O'Brien gave a great talk at Skillins on March 9. The lawns are being re-done around Bug Light.
- 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.
  - We are still looking for other presenters to give talks.
  - Perhaps we could create a list of "Eight Questions to Ask Your Professional Lawn Care person" or something similar.

**Subcommittee Updates:**

Tree City USA (Rich) April 27 was chosen for Falmouth's Arbor Day. The search continues for the Town's biggest tree, defined by circumference and height. The Town will be planting a swamp variety white oak at the intersection of Route 88 and Route 1, the exact time to be determined. Rich and Kimberly will meet to write a proclamation about it. Susan agreed to see if Maine Audubon would be willing to include us at its Spring Live Event on April 27.

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

Water Quality/Erosion--(Susan) Kimberly will keep us updated about the Greater Portland Council of Governments' Water Management plan funding for Falmouth. Susan and Kimberly will meet to discuss what the data mean about our threatened streams in Falmouth. Susan mentioned that there is a group of about 30 people who are polling their ideas of what's going on around the water of Casco Bay. They have put together a bill (LD 1284) to present to the Committee on Marine Resources "to establish the Science and Policy Advisory Council on the Impact of Climate Change on Maine's Marine Species." The Council "is created to identify, study and recommend actions to remediate and mitigate the direct and indirect effects of climate change on the State's marine ecosystems and the marine species that are commercially harvested and grown in the State's coastal and ocean environments. The direct and indirect effects of climate change reviewed must include, but are not



limited to, ocean and coastal acidification, warming ocean temperatures, increased precipitation and changes in salinity and dissolved oxygen concentration.”

Invasive Species--(Sarah/Jerry/Nancy) Sarah, Jerry, Kimberly, and Nancy attended the Maine Invasives Species Network Annual Meeting in Rockland on April 3. They learned a great deal not only about invasive terrestrial plants but also about invasive aquatic plants, invasive forest pests, and biocontrol of invasive species. There was a discussion of the browntail moth; Susan will get in touch with Maine Audubon about this topic. The FCC is hosting a presentation on May 7 at Lunt Auditorium by Nancy Olmstead (Invasive Plant Biologist with the Maine Natural Areas Program of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry) about mapping, identifying, treating, and disposing of invasive terrestrial plants.

Tick Information--(Jerry) There will be a banner ready to show at the polls on June 11.

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

Highland Lake Leadership Team--(Nancy) There has been an ongoing discussion of strategic planning for the entire group, including setting a budget for each town and scheduling a second public information forum.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting is on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. (Susan will take the minutes.)

Submitted by Nancy Lightbody.