Falmouth Conservation Commission Minutes of December 1, 2008

Meeting convened at 7:05 PM

Members Present: Lissa Robinson, Chair, Caleb Hemphill, Mel Dickenson, Frank Ruch Members Absent: Sean Mahoney Members of the Public: Chris Kittredge Liaisons: Lissa Robinson (CPAC), Caleb Hemphill (FTAC, FLT)

Minutes

The minutes for the meeting of November 2008 were approved without changes.

Leadership/Membership

- Chris Kittredge attended as a prospective new member.
- Jerry Goodall has expressed interest in joining the committee.

Presentation

Fred Dillon of FB Environmental Consulting gave a presentation on the Watershed Survey work performed on the Piscataqua River and tributaries. The presentation was part of an outreach task of the project. The project was conducted under a 319 Grant in partnership with the DEP, EPA, Cumberland County Soil and Water District, and Presumpscot Riverwatch.

The Piscataqua is designated by the DEP as a priority impaired water body due to the potential for polluted runoff. The objective of the study was to develop a prioritized list of sites in need of restoration and remediation. A steering committee and community volunteers conducted the survey of problem areas that included, for example, locations of excessive erosion, dilapidated surface water structures, and evidence of pollution.

The report is available in electronic and hard copy formats. Falmouth Public Works was provided an electronic copy of the report.

The steering committee is presently seeking Falmouth residents interested in volunteering on similar projects and joining the steering committee.

Next Steps

- Mel (Yardscape), Sean (Night Lighting), Caleb (Invasives) and Lissa (Trees) will write a brief description of activities to implement these projects for 2009 project planning.
- · Lissa will reach out to Jerry Goodall to inquire about membership.
- The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Monday, January 5, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Submitted by Lissa Robinson