

Falmouth Conservation Commission

Minutes of April 1, 2011

Meeting convened at 7:00PM

Members Present: Mel Dickenson, Eileen Beasley Jerry Goodall, Colin Jones, Laurie Johnson (prospective member)

Members Absent: Nancy Lightbody, Frank Ruch, Art Frederiksen

Minutes

The minute for the meeting of March 7, 2011 were approved, without changes.

Presentation/ Discussion:

The Shore Front Land Owner mailing is anticipated to be distributed next week. The Web Site will be online when the mailing is received by the shore front property owners. Mel will follow thru with the Web design, at town hall in order to coordinate the timing of the two.

Mel reviewed, with the Board, the Environmental Legislation Bills being proposed. Discussion took place highlighting the impact upon our environment if these legislation bills were approved.

- Proposed Action included the possibility of drafting a letter, perhaps even for publication in local newspapers, acknowledging the Boards opinion of these bills.
- Colin will research the legislative protocol for timing.
- Jerry will contact a member of The Environment and National Resource Committee.

Jerry reported on a UNE lecture he attended featuring guest speaker William Cronin. He lectured and discussed the inter-relationship of nature. He will look into the viability of conducting a public showing of Paul Tukey's Film,

Subcommittee Discussions and Reports

Open Space: Discussed potential ownership of track of land behind Falmouth Road. Stewart guidelines are being developed. The Bioblitz is delayed due to bridge crossing closed due to safety concerns.

Storm Water: Eileen will participate in subcommittee and report back to group.

Invasive Species: On hold until snow is gone.

Planning Board: Mel will meet with Colin. He will brief Colin on the Planning Board.

Action Items:

Mel will follow up at Town Hall to finalize the Board's Web Site to coincide with the Shore front property mailing,

Colin will research Legislative protocol.

Mel will meet with Colin to discuss Planning Board Participation.

Eileen will keep the Board up to date in regards to the controversial Cumberland property that abuts West Falmouth Residents. The Copp property is currently under supervision and violation discipline from the DEP.

Mel will talk with John Seavey, a Engineer who has worked for the Town of Cumberland, regarding this property and its DEP violations.

Next Steps:

Next monthly meeting date 5-2-11

Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:00

Submitted by Eileen Beasley