

Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of Nov. 5, 2012

Meeting convened at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Mel Dickenson, Nancy Lightbody, Jerry Goodall, Susan Gilpin, & Steve DeCrosta

Members Absent: Sarah Boudreau

Minutes: Oct. 10th. Minutes approved.

Discussion:

Mel informed us that Colin Jones resigned.

Subcommittee reports:

- A. Stormwater: Steve & Mel reported on a workshop they attended.
- B. Invasive Plants: Nancy reported that we have run two ads in the Forecaster in Oct. We are planning to have an information booth about invasive plants in the indoor Farmers market at Allen, Sterling, & Lothrop. Nancy will write a report/summary of the BEST Project at the Bucknam Road Fire Station.
- C. Planning Board: The Ocean View project is currently getting the most attention.
- D. Open Space: A piece of land adjacent to the Skillin Property on Blackstrap Road is to be Preserved as a conservation easement. The Land Trust will manage the easment.

Presentation/Discussion:

The Maine Coastal Program has received a grant from NOAA to protect Maine's salt marshes. They will give grants to Towns with salt marshes that want to take a leadership role in developing creative land use approaches that will allow marshes to move. We discussed this, noting that we have two salt marshes of note: at the Presumpscott estuary and at Mill Creek. Mel will submit a proposal for grant funds for a study on the effects of rising sea levels on our marshes.

Susan reported that she is part of a group that is planning to raise money to purchase the northern end of Clapboard Island, which has recently been put up for sale. If they are successful, they will give it to the Land Trust.

The Next meeting of the Commission will be on Monday Dec. 3rd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Submitted by Jerry Goodall