

Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of December 3, 2012

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mel Dickenson, Sarah Boudreau, Steve DeCrosta, Susan Gilpin, Jerry Goodall, and Nancy Lightbody

Review of Minutes: The minutes from the November 5 meeting were approved as corrected.

Salt Marsh Proposal: This was sent out, and the Town may hear the result this week.

Report on the First Meeting of the Land Management Team (LMT)

This evolving group is focused on helping the Town manage its open space. It takes the place of the Falmouth Trails Committee and the Open Space Committee, which will be decommissioned. The LMT includes the Town Ombudsman (Bob Shafto), representatives from the Falmouth Land Trust (Jed Harris and Analiese Larson) and the Falmouth Conservation Commission (Mel Dickenson), Nathan Poore, and Jay Reynolds. An internal committee that is not approved by the Town Council, the LMT will meet monthly and is currently focusing on forestry management plans.

Subcommittee Reports

Open Space

- There may be one more meeting in January, but that would be the last one.

Stormwater

- Steve went to a meeting of the Interlocal Stormwater Working Group, which meets every other month and is composed of 14 municipalities in the Casco Bay watershed. The DEP is opening up the permitting process and is trying to work with towns to make things less difficult. It is welcoming feedback.
- Falmouth is working with Woodard & Curran on the Mill Creek area, which currently includes 33% of impervious surface cover in the watershed area. On December 13, there will be a meeting at the Library to discuss the stormwater run-off study, which must be completed by the end of the year. Three constituencies are involved: the Town, private landowners, and the DOT.

Invasive Species

- At the information table at the polls on November 6, there were potted cuttings of local invasive plants as well as copies of the flyer.
- On November 7, there was an information table set up at the Farmers' Market that is held every Wednesday during the winter at Allen, Sterling, & Lothrop. Many people stopped by for information. Plans call for such a table to continue to be at the Farmers' Market once a month.

Planning Board: The Ocean View site plan will be reviewed at the Planning Board meeting on December 4. The FCC did not submit comments.

New Member Discussion

The FCC has an opening for one more member, so everyone was encouraged to think about possible candidates, who will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Action Items

1. We should all think about possible new members for the FCC and bring our ideas to next month's meeting.
2. Continuing work on a summary of the three-year BEST (Bittersweet Eradication Study Tracts) project at the Bucknam Road fire barn.

The next regular FCC meeting date will be on Monday, January 7, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Submitted by Nancy Lightbody