

Falmouth Conservation Commission
Minutes of February 4, 2013

Meeting convened at 7:00PM

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

Members Absent: none

Perspective Member Present: Aaron Svedlow of Falmouth, a wildlife biologist at Tetra Tech in Portland. Mel introduced Aaron to members and provided him a summary of the current Conservation Commission activities.

Minutes: January 7, 2013 minutes approved

Report on the Land Management Team (LMT): *Mel Dickenson*

- Attended LMT meeting of Jan 8th
- New committee is leaning to the management of open space
- Arborist evaluated Pine Grove Forest and agreed with forester regarding tree cutting for safety at Pine Grove.
- Revised map to be published and distributed for Falmouth trails.
- Grant-supported summer rangers on trails this summer to assist visitors. FLT will manage the rangers activities.
- Exploring the construction of a tunnel under the railroad tracks west of the East Branch of the Piscataquis River.

Open Space: *Mel Dickenson*

- Committee is projected to meet quarterly and is becoming focused on the acquisition of real estate for open space.

Stormwater: *Steve DeCrosta*

- Attended the Inter-local Stormwater Working Group meeting on Jan 17th. A discussion was held regarding the Federal District Court of Virginia ruling that storm water was not a pollutant to Chesapeake Bay. It was also mentioned that Bangor is charging a residential fee for storm water cleanup.
- The NPDES permit by EPA and DEP are now in the final stages of completion.
- Woodard & Curran presented the findings of the Rt 1/Webes Creek sub watershed stormwater study at a meeting on Dec 13th.
- Mel Dickenson met with Chris Orestis (Council liaison to FCC) to share the findings of the stormwater study.

Invasive Species: *Nancy Lightbody, Sarah Beaudreau, Jerry Goodall, Susan Gilpin*

- Developing a large colorful post card on invasives to be sent to landowners.
- Jerry contacting local landscape businesses arranging for an invasive species display
- Arranging for a display at the summer's farmer's market
- Results of the study/experiments complete by the "Fire Barn" are in the process of being completed. A press release is also being developed to advertise the study to the public
- Sarah spoke about what replacements would be appropriate after invasives being removed.

Planning Board: *Mel Dickenson*

- Reviewed some of the ongoing concerns and issues at hand to including the storm water management project being proposed at 50 Gray Road

Report on River Point Park: Susan Gilpin

Susan presented an informative and detailed PowerPoint presentation of photographs and information developed during a bio-blitz conducted at River Point Park last June. The information was supplied by the Biodiversity Research Institute, who provided significant support for the bio-blitz.

Action Items:

Mel will continue to meet with Council members to share the results of the Rt. 1 area stormwater study.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Submitted by Steve DeCrosta