

**Minutes  
Conservation Commission Meeting  
April 1, 2013**

Present: Nancy Lightbody, Jerry Goodall, Susan Gilpin, Aaron Svedlow, and Sarah Boudreau

Absent: Steve DeCrosta and Mel Dickenson

1. Minutes from 3/4/2013 were approved as written. Nancy Lightbody chaired the meeting because Mel was ill.

2. Land Management Report—Mel provided minutes from the meeting of 3/18/13

The latest draft for a LMT charge was reviewed and discussed. The only change was adding the Falmouth Land Trust Executive Director, currently Analiese Larsen, as an *ex officio* member. The charge will be introduced to the Council on 3/27, with a public hearing in April, and a final vote in May. Vacancies for LMT will be posted by the town; current members must apply for their positions per town application process and be approved by the Council. The Falmouth Trails Advisory Committee and the Openspace Implementation Sub-committee will be disbanded.

After reviewing the many different kinds of records, the team agreed that all records of public interest should be posted to the new town website when up and running. Property record files would reflect easement monitoring reports for any properties for which the town holds an easement.

Updates include: sticking with town website maps for management plans, the Trail Map II is on schedule, and Bob is working on a set of QR coded signs for Historic Falmouth trail and town spots.

3. Subcommittee reports

Openspace. Mel was absent, so no report.

Stormwater. Steve was absent, so no report.

Invasive species. Nancy showed a mock-up of the discount card and reported that it will be ready to send at the end of April. There are also display boards being fabricated that will be displayed at the various garden centers in town highlighting the invasive plant problem and encouraging Invasive Free Falmouth.

Planning Board. Mel provided recommendations from the FCC for three properties: 1) 215 Foreside Road, no specific FCC comments other than standard DEP approvals and permitting. 2) 26 Ledgewood Drive, FCC previously provided comments for this property and has no further comments. 3) 4 Ledge Rock Circle, FCCd recommends that Parcel A be deeded to the Falmouth Land Trust to support access to adjacent FLT property on the east side of proposed Lot 10.

Jerry reported that he attended the Council meeting about the Route One study. Concern was expressed for runoff, especially in the Mussel Cove area. Utilities will be below grade. Council voted to proceed with TIF.

4. Bio Blitz presentation. Susan showed the group two prototypes of tri-fold display boards condensing the information gleaned at the Bio Blitz at River Point. The goal is to

educate the public about the Bio Blitz and what was accomplished at River Point. The boards will cost \$175.00 for both, and Melissa, Nathan's assistant is researching frames for display of photos.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 6 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Boudreau