



Meeting Minutes
Conservation Commission Meeting
May 6, 2013

Present: Steve DeCrosta, Nancy Lightbody, Mel Dickenson, Jerry Goodall, Aaron Svedlow, and Sarah Boudreau

Absent: Susan Gilpin,

Minutes from 4/1/2013 were approved as written. Mel Dickenson chaired the meeting.

Land Management Report—“Land Management and Acquisition Committee”, many properties Bob reviewed were strategically linked to existing conservation lands. There are some properties abutting Falmouth community forest and 100 acre woods west of Blackstrap Road. There are some potential acquisitions, and council has approved the new committee, open space has been dissolved.

Forestry Management Proposal has been not yet reviewed by the town council Although some emergency safety work was done in Pine Grove

Conservation Corps is ramping up for the summer, there will be 2 funded trail deputies on the Falmouth trails, summer interns, integrating child programs. Analese will be managing the program- college age kids.

New Falmouth trail map project is complete, and is in production now.

STORMWATER

There was not local meeting last month, and Steve may not be able to attend the next one, but Mel may be able. The previous meeting discussed the DEP (David Lett) new permit draft for stormwater. DEP plan is currently out for public comment. Steve anticipates the next meeting may cover the specifics of the new DEP permit requirements. Impaired streams are an issue, but probably not for Falmouth.

Stormwater upgrades for the Route 1 improvements are being considered as part of the greater greening plan.

INVASIVE SPECIES

New mailing cards look great, and there has been lots of positive feedback. The sub-committee commissioned a sign to display at local cooperating businesses to heighten awareness of about the invasive initiative. These will be on display along with useful items for sale, like gloves and pesticides. There are also handouts at the displays.



Following the 4/24 presentation at Falmouth library Bob received a number of emails regarding invasives. “Weed Watchers”, or neighborhood volunteer steward were requested during the presentation.

Callery pear trees are new invasive plant issue in Pennsylvania. New Univ. Maine composter destroys seeds of buckthorn (*Frangula* spp.).

Susan Gilpin has finalized the boards from the bio-blitze. The boards were attractive and informative and will be displayed at the library on May 12, 2013.

Invasive species group to connect with <http://umaine.edu/invasivespecies/> “Plant me instead” initiative was mentioned.

Nancy to get information on the industrial 21-day composter, from Louis? Pay for composting.

Collin Teering from Maine Forest Service has information on emerald ash borer and winter moth.

PLANNING BOARD

Reviewed 4 parcels, 1 had been previously reviewed, 1 parcel has to be divided, 1 parcel was asked to avoid impacts trails, and 1 were the owner was asked to not build a pond in a buffer zone. A shoreline zoning permit was requested by 331 Foreside Road for a dock and float.

Ad-Hoc Zoning Committee

To assist Community Development Committee with a re-write of the sub-division ordinance within one-year of formation. The foal will be to simplify, clarify, and make the Ordinances easier to use. Work quickly with Amanda Stern of planning committee. Aaron volunteered to join the Ad-Hoc Zoning Committee. This was unanimously approved.

Elections Table with Land Trust

The committee should start planning for the election table. The **next** election is second Tuesday in June. There will be a schedule for staffing the table.

Meeting Minutes Scheduled*

June	Jerry
July / August	No meetings
September	Nancy
October	Steve
November	Sarah
December	Mel
January	Susan



*Aaron will do the minutes if any committee member scheduled to do the meeting minutes is absent.