



Meeting Minutes
Conservation Commission Meeting
June 3, 2013

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

Absent: Susan Gilpin (she is out of town) and Sarah Boudreau

Check In - 2013 Annual municipal banquet

Reminder of banquet and to reply to Melissa. Jerry and Steve are planning to attend.

Minutes from 5/6/2013 were approved as written, “foal” should be written as goal in the May minutes. Nancy chaired the meeting. Nancy clarified that new trail maps would be available in two to three weeks as of May 6.

Sub-committee reports:

1. **LMT-** Refer to Mel’s notes attached. In the attached notes OS = open space.

2. Stormwater:

The Cumberland County stormwater group met May 16, Mel was going to try and make it but couldn’t, Steve wasn’t available either. The MDEP integrated water quality draft report was open for public comment till May 10th and then closed. There was to be an MDEP update at the May 16 meeting. Steve is going to contact Tamara to get an summary of the meeting. Highlights from the meeting were: July 19th grant proposal to be released by MDEP on Aug 7th. The Maine stormwater conference will be held Nov 21-22 at Sable Oaks, South Portland. Tamara gave out awareness stickers, regarding stormwater issues, at meeting 500 for each community. Falmouth hasn’t gotten these stickers yet, but Steve or Mel will get the stickers.

The question “Are we hoping to get a grant for Mill Creek stormwater project?” was posed, the answer was we aren’t sure, but the upcoming MDEP grants are not likely to be applicable

USM came out with economics report on water resource infrastructure in Maine, Steve is going to provide an email copy to FCC members. Report is primarily northern Maine and Saco area south. Falmouth is out of the “red” area, and the town is in generally good shape stormwater wise. Title is “An Assessment of the Economics of Natural and Built Infrastructure for Water Resources in Maine”. The next Cumberland county stormwater



meeting is July 18th, held at the Westbrook community center. Most attendees are public works employees and town engineers.

3. Invasive Species:

The May presentation to the Town Council went well and was very well received.

Nancy is going to follow up on the success of the postcard on June 15 by contacting the landscaping / nursery businesses. Jerry is going to collect the displays from garden centers and ask how they went. Nancy to follow up with email.

There was a workshop at the Falmouth library last Wednesday. Many pesticide applicators went to get recertification credits. Jerry was impressed by the speaker discussing the nature and impacts of invasive species including a psychological examine about demonizing the invasive species. Jerry noted that we talk about diversity being good, but we need to talk about the type of diversity we have. Jerry thinks perhaps we should get a speaker to talk about the type of vegetation diversity that we should have. For example, perhaps a goal should be to set aside land for native vegetation in new housing developments.

Should we be concerned with maintaining native flora (not just educating about and removing invasives)? Can the FCC make recommendations to developers to plant native plants at new developments in town? Bob Shafto is involved with association of conservation commissions, this maybe a place to find help, or folks who have taken a similar approach. This is consistent with the goals of the invasive species group: education and mitigation.

Could we guide the Route One redevelopment to plant native trees? Jerry spoke with a man from sunset links golf club; they are having an invasive forest insect forest training Thursday June 27th 12-16:30 (e.g. longhorn beetle, ash borer, wooly adelgid, and winter moth).

The invasives sub-committee has self-assessed some projects and will continue with some but not with others. The flyer insert into forecaster is being considered as an optional education approach. Conservation corps is busy with mitigation side of the invasives outreach.

4. Planning Board

See attached notes from Mel. Planning document for South Ridge was reviewed by Mel, septic field and open space, and keep historic trail to Blackstrap Preserve.

5. Ad-Hoc Committee

There has been no action yet, Aaron to follow with point of contact at the Ad-hoc committee



6. Voting day Table June 11th

Susan Gilpin message says she could do a shift in Morning till 3 pm. Polling facility opens at 6:15 am (polling at 7 am?) and closes at 8 pm, Jerry to call Bob Shafto to coordinate table. FCC will have a display board.

Name	Time Slot
Susan	Morning till 3 pm
Aaron	6 pm – 8 pm
Jerry	Setup in am, and take down in pm.

Note from Susan Gilpin, Sat June 15, 9 am – 11 pm for Field trip to Clapboard Island. Parking might be an issue. RSVP to Susan, susanogilpin@gmail.com. Ask in email where to park. Town / FLT may have ability to gain easement.

Nancy has a follow up regarding the compost system U Maine is using. Nancy talked to person at U Maine and contacted the composter manufacture in Washington. Nancy has lots of materials about the composter. There is a range of systems available. They have small earth flow models for schools that are 12', 14 cubic yards for approx. \$ 50k. More information is www.compostingtechnology.com, Green Mountain Technologies, Nancy has the pricing guide. Steve indicate that there is a commercial composting company that services the area, this may be an alternative to a composting system. Steve noted that the composter would need to offset costs to become an attractive option to the Town. Could be a cost offset or provide a revenue stream?

FCC will adjourn until Sept. 9, 2013 for the summer recess.