

Poland Conservation Commission
Minutes of 10-8-14

Members Present: Fred Huntress (co-chairperson), Don Stover (co-chairperson), John Laskey, Keith Messer, Steve Robinson (Selectboard Liaison). Absent: John Crouch, Sue Ellis, Sandra Knowles.

Meeting called to order: 7:10pm.

Minutes of 9-10-14 were reviewed and accepted.

Waterhouse Park:

The project documentation continued to be the major topic of discussion. During the discussion the point stressed the was importance of creating documentation “the plan”, which would put forth the scope and the total cost of the project to the decision makers (planning/select boards) in order to move forward with the most efficient use of time and resources.

Nikki is preparing to apply for bridge grant with the Dept. Of Conservation. Keith offered to pursue engineered bridge specs, along with build/installation costs and will pass his findings to Scott Segal.

The commission unanimously agreed that a White Oak tree should be planted in the park in memory of former Town Resident/Manager Richard Chick.

Furman Property:

Fred reported that \$9575.00 had been raised with 29 donor contributions to date to purchase the property and that other pledges have not been donated to date.

The mass mailing (flier) to town citizens, along with the informative article in the Sun Journal resulted in 22 donations over the period of the past 7 days.

The October 31st deadline to raise the funds is approaching and the results of the fundraising are to be presented at the November 4th, 2014 Board of Selectman Meeting, if the fundraising goal is met a date will be announced for a special town meeting. It was also noted that 100 citizens must be present at the town meeting to adhere to charter requirements.

Miscellaneous Business:

A Comprehensive Planning Committee is being assembled and the Conservation Commission should have a representative involved in some capacity.

The Conservation Commission is seeking new candidates to bring new perspective to the table.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Keith Messer