

Poland Conservation Commission
Minutes of 11-12-14

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

Meeting called to order: 7:05pm.

Minutes of 10-8-14 were reviewed and accepted.

Furman Property:

Fred reported the fund raising goal was met with donations from 62 donors.

The Warrant for the Town Meeting is scheduled to be signed November 18th.

The Town Meeting is scheduled to be held at the Town Hall, Saturday December 9th at 9am, with Articles as follows:

Article 1: Discussion and vote on the Furman Property.

Article 2: Discussion and vote on the Wedgewood Estates matter.

After the formal Town Meeting an open forum/listening session will be held to allow residents to express concerns/ideas with the Selectman.

There was discussion on how to assure the quorum of 100 residents is met to have an official Town Meeting. The following suggestions were presented; possible newspaper article, letter to the editor, a reminder note to the donors and the public access channel.

Hilt Hollow Area:

Fred and Don attended the TIF Informational Meeting/Hilt Hollow Staff Study Committee Findings Workshop.

The decision on the use of area is currently on hold after lengthy study and discussion.

Waterhouse Park:

Fred and Don met with Brad for discussion about the project.

Brad plans to add funding into this years budget and the Commission will have to see the process through, Budget Request, etc.

There was discussion to set CIP money aside at some point in the future for the bridge.

Miscellaneous Business:

October 30th, Keith and Don attended the Maine Futures Community Mapper Workshop at USM.

This free mapping program may be a useful tool for the various Boards and Committees to incorporate with the other resources available for the long term comprehensive plan.

There was discussion about a possible forum with the various Boards and Committees.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Keith Messer