

Poland Conservation Commission  
Minutes of 7-9-14

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

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm.

Minutes of 6-11-14 were reviewed and accepted with one correction; Sue Ellis resigned 6-11-14 as secretary and Keith Messer was appointed the position.

**Waterhouse Park:**

Don send a memo to Tom Learned (Poland Public Works Director) which included a very detailed outline of the proposed improvements to the area. Tom's response was very favorable of the improvements and offered to help with some specific items in the proposal.

**Furman Property:**

The remainder of the meeting included discussion on fundraising and the legal aspects to acquire the property with private donations and the process of donating the property to the town for open space passive recreation.

During the fundraising discussion included specifics and questions about raising the funds as follows;

Is there guarantee the monies people donate be used only for the purchase and donation of the property to the town? Can the commission follow through with that commitment?

The commission is not favorable about soliciting monies without guarantee.

Solicit with the intention this is a tax-deductible donation (the town is a non-profit 501C3 organization), along with a sample deed(including restrictions), proposed specific use warrant language for the special town meeting and a disclosure to donors the facts.

The property is to be donated to the town with the wishes of the selectman and the residents of the town for open space passive recreational use.

In the case that the monies are not raised by 10/31/14, the deed is not executed to the town by 12/31/14 and/or the town residents do not agree to except the donation, the monies will be returned to the donors.

A private account has been opened/activated at the cost of \$25 with Northeast Bank for monies donated to purchase the property. Donations can be made at the town office to the following account:

Town of Poland Conservation Commission Donation Account

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectively submitted by,  
Keith Messer

