

Town of Poland
1231 Maine St.
Poland, Maine 04274

Meeting Minutes, September 12, 2018

Members Present: Barry Morgan(co-chairperson), Fred Huntress(co-chairperson), Jean Potuchek(Treasurer), Donald Stover(Secretary), Jack Quinn, Mike Murphy (Associate), John Laskey, James Walker (Selectperson).

Minutes of August meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: was reviewed and approved. The balance sheet has been updated to better reflect our balances for future projects.

Heart of Poland: Discussion of purchase of Lot 6 has been tabled as the owner's price is well above the valuation the town has obtained.

Waterhouse Park: Heather Printup of Poland Spring Bottling indicated to Barry that following her discussions with Matt Garside, it is the company's intent to provide funding toward the Waterhouse Bridge when the company does its next distribution of contributions.

Barry announced that Stuart Davis is expected to complete the site plan in the near future. Once that plan is completed we will review and seek approval from the Planning Board.

Special Town Meeting, Sept. 13. Members were urged to encourage friends and neighbors to attend the meeting and vote to approve TIF Amendments. There was also discussion voting regarding proposed changes in the Comprehensive Land Use Code. Members are concerned that we have not been attending hearings or taking a pro-active stance on such amendments. Committee requested the secretary to draft a letter to the Planning Board requesting that our Chairmen be notified of future discussions and hearings regarding changes in the Land Use Code.

Priorities for future land acquisitions: Jean presented a form to be used in the future to evaluate potential conservation land acquisitions. The form was unanimously approved and is attached.

Invasives: Committee volunteers have made a good start on the bittersweet problem behind the library, but much more work needs to be done. There is also concern about invasives in Waterhouse Park. Jean will consult with a qualified expert to get recommendations about the most efficient approach to this problem.

Bragsdon Hill Conservation Area: Debris, primarily roof shingles, needs to be removed from the Bragdon Hill area. Conservation members who also serve on Trails Comm. will coordinate plans to resolve this problem.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. The next meeting will be on October 10 at 7pm in Ricker Library Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Stover, Secretary