

Town of Poland
1231 Maine St.
Poland, Maine 04274

Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2018

Members Present: Barry Morgan(co-chairperson), Fred Huntress(co-chairperson), Jean Potuchek(Treasurer), Donald Stover(Secretary), Mike Murphy, John Laskey, James Walker (Selectperson), Walter Gallagher (Selectperson), Jake Young (guest), Lisa Young (guest).

Minutes of October meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Jean Potuchek met with town financial officer, Debbie Gilpatrick to review our accounts. Debbie reviewed data for last 4 years and rectified all accounts. The new spreadsheet reflects these revisions and an improved reporting scheme. Current balances are as follows:

Operating funds	\$15,155.41
Conservation Reserve Fund	\$15,535.60
Special revenues	
(Waterhouse Bridge)	\$ 4200.00

The committee expressed special thanks to Debbie and Jean for the corrections and improvements to our accounting.

Stewardship: Mike Murphy worked with John Young and the snowmobile club on trail projects in Waterhouse Park including installation of gates at the cemetery and repairing previous damage. They also removed a large amount of roofing shingles from Bragdon Hill. The latter project corrects a problem noted in the last easement review by NEFF. The committee recommended a note of thanks to John Young and the Poland Snow Travelers.

Waterhouse Park: Davis Foundation has pledged a donation of \$10,000 to the bridge project. Matt has been exploring alternative bridge designs including aluminum pre-fab. The pre-fab would likely cost less than the current wood design. Several persons expressed preference for a wood structure. The conclusion was that we should review all options with respect to cost, aesthetics, durability, and time until completion. Barry would like to dedicate funds from our ongoing expense budget to the bridge project.

Estes Bog: Fred feels this area should be evaluated by our committee for future park land. The town owns the dam and a right of way to the entire flowage. Fred has been studying the history of the immediate area.

Conference: Mike and Barry attended a conference entitled *Conservation Commissions & Plan Review*. At our next meeting they will share what they learned about how other towns are handling the

involvement of Conservation Commissions with the review of town development plans.

Invasive species: Jean is continuing with preparation of invasives brochure. She handed out a list of licensed companies qualified to deal with invasive species. This list is available at <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/gotpests/terrestrial-invasive-companies.html>
Jean is prepared to do a presentation on invasive species. Some suggestions were made for doing this in a public forum.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15. The next meeting will be December 12 at 7pm in Ricker Library Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Stover, Secretary