

Poland Conservation Commission

Town of Poland
1231 Maine St.
Poland, Maine 04274

Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2020

Members Present: Barry Morgan(co-chairperson), Fred Huntress(co-Chairperson), Donald Stover(Secretary), John Laskey, Mike Murphy, Steve Robinson(Selectboard liason)

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman Morgan.

Minutes of December meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Treasurer's report: Barry presented financial report. This now consists of an Operating Fund, Conservation Reserve Fund, and a Grant Fund for a pending invasive species grant. There is \$2000 in this fund as grant matching money. The Waterhouse Park Fund has been closed with completion of the project. Barry anticipates the new town budget will include \$40,000 from TIF for Conservation/Trails. We have a remainder of \$3,829 in our operating budget. Barry will Attend budget comm. meeting on January 16.

Waterhouse Park Multi-Use Trail: On January 13 Steve will meet with a committee from ATV Club, Snowmobile Club, Conservation, and Trails to discuss future use of the .6 mile railbed portion of the Waterhouse Park Trail.

Conservation Plan, Map 10/Lot 54: After further discussion, the committee approved Conservation Plan for this property as prepared by Fred Huntress.. This plan will be presented to the Selectboard for review. Fred re-iterated his view that the highest and best use is for conservation purposes only.

Waterhouse Park. Steve expressed the view that steps be taken to make this area more “park like” with benches, picnic tables, etc.

Projects for 2020. Discussion of future projects included the following:

- Estes Bog and Dam preservation and development.
- Lot 16A on Lower Range Pond
- Lot 6, Hilt Hollow, Article for Town Meeting
- Waterhouse Park survey and easement
- Heart of Poland easement adjustment and survey work (modify for Lot 6 and previously excluded area/ re-survey and mark boundaries as needed)
- Town meeting article for purchase and easement adjustment.

Annual report. Barry distributed our article for the Town Report. The committee thanks Barry for this excellent presentation of our work.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 12 at 7pm in Ricker Library Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Stover, Secretary