

Poland Conservation Commission

Town of Poland
1231 Maine St.
Poland, Maine 04274

Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2020

Members Present: Barry Morgan(co-chairperson), Fred Huntress(co-Chairperson), Donald Stover(Secretary), Mike Murphy, John Young, Alan Audet(Trails Comm.)

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm by Chairman Morgan.

Minutes of August meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Treasurer's report: Reserve and Waterhouse Park funds are at \$0. \$13,546.80 will be drawn from operating funds to complete payment for Hilt Hollow property. Conservation will receive \$5000 for the current year and present balance is \$10,492.07. \$70,000 from the TIF for trail improvements is not reflected in our budget lines.

Worthley Pond: Fred reviewed his research on the Worthley Pond property. For many years the boat access has been recognized as a town right. However, Fred was unable to establish that it is a deeded right of way. The 1959 Town Meeting may have passed an article related to this. The town also has title to 13.5 acres between the pond and the brook. A discussion of the issue with Camp Northstar was recommended. Barry will follow-up with Matt.

Trail improvements: Fifteen sections of boardwalk have been purchased for \$32,722. These will be manufactured and installed by Great Northern Docks at BHCA and HOP. Mike Murphy is working with Matt on this project.

ATV, Snowmobile Club, Conservation, Trails meeting: There was no representative from ATV group. Trail improvements were discussed. A gate will be installed at entrance to Mullen property on railroad bed. Regulatory signs will be ordered and installed at various Waterhouse Park locations.

NEFF Easements: The annual review by NEFF will be conducted in near future. Mike is in communication with Andrew Bentley at NEFF.

Heart of Poland: Purchase of Lot 6 will be finalized on Friday, September 11.

Bragdon Hill Conservation Area: Mike suggested we erect an interpretive sign to explain the timber cut that was done last winter.

Waterhouse Park: Alan discussed invasives on this property. A new concern is sighting of purple loosestrife. Alan also discussed his game photography in the park. He is looking for a way to raise \$800 to \$1000 for equipment to produce high resolution photos.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30pm in Ricker Library Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Stover, Secretary