

Poland Conservation Commission

Town of Poland
1231 Maine St.
Poland, Maine 04274

Meeting Minutes, January 16, 2019

Members Present: Barry Morgan(co-chairperson), Fred Huntress(co-chairperson), Jean Potuchek(Treasurer), Donald Stover(Secretary), Mike Murphy, John Laskey, James Walker (Selectperson), Matt Garside Town Manager)

Waterhouse Park: Town Manager, Matt Garside, provided updates on the bridge and site plan. Baker Design Consultants have revised Mr. Neville's original design, raising the bridge higher over the dam. Their preliminary cost estimate for the entire bridge project is \$70,000, about double previous estimates. The engineer's charge is \$3000. There is question whether elevating the bridge is advisable. Matt also revisited cost of using pre-fab dock section. That would be about \$10,000 plus installation and additional railings. Don will review other pre-fab options which we have on file.

The site plan and Shoreland Zoning application is complete and will go before Planning Board on January 22. Barry, Mike and Don will attend.

Heart of Poland: Mr. Garside reviewed discussions with Mr. Lalibertie. Selectboard has asked Matt to proceed with two options: (a) re-draft the consent agreement giving road frontage to permit a building. (b) town consider purchase of the property. The Selectboard will discuss on Tue. Feb. 5. Fred repeated his previous suggestion that the town sell the "Sadie Jackson" property which has been used as tree growth and use the proceeds to buy out Mr. Lalibertie. This would require a vote of town meeting as currently proceeds from any land sales are dedicated to Economic Development.

Previous Minutes: were reviewed and accepted with one correction. Regretfully, the secretary had failed to note that Mike Murphy volunteered to attend budget meeting with Barry Morgan.

Treasurer's Report: accepted. No changes from last month. Barry and Mike will meet with Budget Committee on January 17.

Membership: Barry met with Selectboard to amend our by-laws to have 7 voting members. Jack Quinn has resigned from voting membership to associate. Mike Murphy was appointed as voting member. The committee welcomes Mike. Committee appreciates Jack's service and looks forward to his continued participation as an associate member.

Estys Bog: Fred presented a draft letter of inquiry directed to the owner of this property. Some members supported approaching the owner to determine if she would have any interest in seeing her

property become town conservation land. Others strongly disapproved of making any such overtures without prior Selectboard approval. One member opposed any new land acquisitions without a more complete over-all plan.

Earth Day: Jean and Don will explore options for an Earth Day program in April.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 The next meeting will be February 13 at 7pm in Ricker Library Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Stover, Secretary