

Poland Conservation Commission

Town of Poland
1231 Maine St.
Poland, Maine 04274

Meeting Minutes, April 14 , 2021

Members Present: Barry Morgan(co-chairperson), Fred Huntress(co-Chairperson), Donald Stover(Secretary), Fred Morton, John Young, Steve Robinson (Selectboard liason), Matt Garside (Town Manager), Scott Segal (Director of Parks and Recreation)

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Chairman Morgan. Meeting was held in person at the library.

Minutes of March meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Treasurer's report: Chairman Morgan reported no changes.

Trails Committee: In Alan's absence, Don reported that integration of trails with Conservation has proceeded without problems. Alan will meet with Trails and his new conservation volunteers on April 24 at HOP. There are no changes to the Trails Masterplan.

Earth Day: Scott reported that he will recruit and organize volunteers for an Earth Day clean-up of 4 or 5 town roads.

Mike Murphy memorial: The recent unfortunate death of our member, Mike Murphy was noted. Members decided to plant a white oak tree and place a memorial plaque on the town property near the RSU building on Rt. 26. Mike had given special care and attention to this property. Fred and John will arrange for purchase and planting of the tree. Don was asked to suggest wording for the plaque. \$200 was authorized for the tree.

Sadie Jackson lot: The Town Meeting granted authorization of sale of this property. The town has put it up for bid. There was discussion of expanded publicity of the sale and/or listing with a broker. John Young will discuss with the Selectboard the possibility of placing a listing on the Zillow website.

Maine Tree Program: Fred Morton gave a description of the Maine Tree Program of which he is a board member. The program provides research, education and training concerning forestry. They also own a 300 acre research forest in Arrowsic. One of their programs is Project Learning Tree designed to give teachers and children an intensive exposure to our forest industry and responsible forest management. We will consider sponsoring a Poland scholarship for this program.

Trail Maps: Scott reported that Cindy Robins will provide 500 copies of each of our three trail maps.

Municipal Complex: Scott reported on work behind the library. Trees have been cleared and Public Works will proceed with grading and grass seeding as well as relocation of the

HOP kiosk. Scott will form a community committee to determine details of developing a 60,000 to 75,000 sq. ft. playground /park area. Barry and John Young volunteered for the committee. The first meeting will be Monday, May 3 at 6:30pm.

Waterhouse Park: Trail projects and Scott's storybook trail project are slated for the area behind Poland School. We will do a site visit to discuss these.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 12. **We will meet at 6:15 in the parking lot at the north side of the elementary school.**

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Stover, Secretary