

# ***Poland Conservation Commission***

Town of Poland  
1231 Maine St.  
Poland, Maine 04274

Meeting Minutes, January 19, 2022

**Members Present:** Barry Morgan(co-chairperson), Fred Huntress(co-Chairperson), Donald Stover (Secretary), Ray Stillman, Steve Robinson (Selectboard liason)

**Meeting** called to order at 7:04 pm by Chairman Morgan.

**Minutes** of December meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's report:** The operating fund balance is \$107,978.86 of which \$101,000.00 is the proceeds from sale of Sadie Jackson property. These proceeds may only be used for land purchase or to support new easements.

Fred M. and Don met, as asked, with Matt Garside to discuss reserving the land acquisition funds. They cannot legally be deposited in the current Conservation Reserve Fund and Matt strongly recommended against going to Town Meeting to establish another reserve fund. Therefore, Don requested that in the future a written treasurer's report be presented monthly and that report should clearly differentiate the land acquisition funds, separately from the remainder of the "Operating Funds."

Barry reported that the Selectboard has unanimously approved \$32,041.40 for bog bridges, signs, trail markers, posts, and planks.

**Heart of Poland:** On December 21, the Selectboard voted on recommendation from Steve Robinson to exclude Lot 5a from the HOP easement. This is contrary to decision at our August 11 meeting to include all of Lot 5. The committee discussed this misunderstanding and re-iterated reasons for including 5A. Steve acknowledged misunderstanding on his part and stated that he will make a motion at next Selectboard meeting to rescind. He states he will support Lot 5a inclusion in the easement before the rest of the Selectboard and before the Town Meeting.

## **Other business:**

Barry announced that Alan has located a family of Otters and will present videos at a future meeting.

Don will discuss findings of Conservation Economist, Jessica Sargent at February meeting.

We will discuss possibilities for Earth Day (April 22) at the February meeting. This could open opportunities for coordination with Community and Economic Development Comm.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:00pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7pm in the library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald Stover, Secretary