

Poland Conservation Commission

Town of Poland
1231 Maine St.
Poland, Maine 04274
Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2022

Members Present: Barry Morgan(co-chairperson), Fred Huntress(co-Chairperson), Donald Stover (Secretary), Fred Morton, Steve Robinson (Selectboard liason). Absent: John Young, Alan Audet and Ray Stillman.

Guests: Josh Nagine, President of Board of Androscoggin Land Trust (ALT), Emmy Anderson, Board Member of ALT and Poland resident.

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

Androscoggin Land Trust: Following introduction of our guests, there was a discussion of the ALT and our common interests. ALT sees itself as operating primarily in Androscoggin County. They hold 4000 acres in fee and 1000 acres in easement (primarily agricultural easements). A current concern of the organization is the development of solar arrays. They would like to see these placed on former agricultural land that has suffered chemical damage rather than on viable forest or agricultural land. ALT is continuing with their project to conserve 15 acres on Megquier Hill Rd. They hope the legal transfer will occur by the end of May.

Minutes of February meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report: Conservation data was omitted from the most recent town statements. Barry and John will get this information updated as soon as possible.

Town Meeting: Barry urged members to encourage neighbors to attend town meeting. We are especially concerned with passage of Article 32 to finalize HOP easement revisions.

Earth Day: We are still planning some activities and to hand out brochures. Unfortunately, Deb Perkins will be unable to join us.

Don presented a draft of a Conservation Brochure prepared at the chairman's request. Members had one or two suggestions. Don will have it reviewed by members not present and will seek some alternate photographs. The commission voted appropriation of up to \$250 for printing of the brochure once it is completed.

Town owned lots: Fred and John need to do a full search of deeds for 0007-0014D and 0017-0041. This will be discussed further at April meeting.

Conservation page on town web site: Barry noted that this resource is badly outdated. He asked Fred Morton to head up an effort to revitalize the site.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7pm in the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Stover, Secretary