

# ***Poland Conservation Commission***

Town of Poland  
1231 Maine St.  
Poland, Maine 04274  
Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2022

**Members Present:** Barry Morgan(co-chairperson), Fred Huntress(co-Chairperson), Donald Stover (Secretary), Alan Audet, Naturalist and Trailmaster, and Ray Stillman,

**Guest:** Paul Drowns

**Meeting** called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Morgan.

**Minutes** of April meeting were reviewed. It was noted that Fred and Steve also signed the letter in support of grant applications for upgrades at the transfer station. With that correction, the minutes were accepted.

John Young was absent due to death of his father, a long time Poland resident and primary physician at the Poland Health Center. Commission voted unanimously for the secretary to send a letter of condolence to John and his family.

**Treasurer's report:** The only change was the expenditure of \$150 for Maine Association of Conservation Commissions(MEACC). Membership as previously voted.

**Arbor Day:** Alan and Fred H. met with students and teacher, El Fanus from Poland Elementary School as part of an Arbor Day event. The class and teacher visited HOP trails and discussed the types, ages and importance of the trees to our environment.

**Earth Day:** Alan, Ray, Fred H. and Don represented us at the Poland Grange Earth Day program. They reported on the program which was a discussion of the problem of Pfast chemicals which are found on many of the farms in the area.

**Waterhouse Park:** The proposed bridge behind the school has been tabled. There has been no communication from the ATV club. We will discuss this at next meeting along with any plans to improve the railroad bed or re-consider the continuation of a hunting zone.

**Heart of Poland:** New bog bridges will be installed in the near future.

Alan reported on a successful tree inventory. There are 79 white oaks,, including a cluster of 10 to 11 inch diameter trees. Other species such as hemlock and yellow birch were also counted. We are in need of a GIS technician to assist Alan in compiling maps of the area. The next project is creation of clearings, as recommended by Deb. Perkins.

Alan showed recent photographs of fishers marking a stump. These are posted on *Poland Conservation Trails* and *Maine Wildlife*.

Other naturalist projects include vernal pool survey, selection of bat boxes, and a Lady Slipper pollination survey (at Waterhouse Park).

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45** The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:30pm in the library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald Stover, Secretary