

# ***Poland Conservation Commission***

Town of Poland  
1231 Maine St.  
Poland, Maine 04274  
Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2022

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

**Guest:** Paul Drowns, Tim King (via telephone)

**Meeting** called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Morgan.

**Minutes** of May meeting were reviewed. Alan noted that he did not attend Earth Day program and that only white oaks have been counted thus far at HOP. Ray Stillman wanted to make further note from the Earth Day program that there has been good success in countering the devastating effects of Pfas and getting farms back into business. With those changes and comments, minutes were accepted.

**Treasurer's report:** The town accounting statements are not up to date or accurate with respect to Conservation Funds. Barry has discussed this with Town Manager, Matt Garside and will pursue further with Matt and Derek Theborge, Finance Director as well as John Young, our treasurer.

Commission voted to reimburse Alan \$130 for purchase of two Hobo Monitors for the vernal pools. Also voted \$80 for chain saw blade, drill bit, and reciprocal saw blade.

**Land Acquisition:** Fred reported that he has been exploring the purchase of two very desirable conservation parcels. Thus far neither owners have expressed much interest in pursuing a sale. Fred is open to other suggestions of appropriate properties.

**Naturalist report:** Alan reported extensively on the following projects:

- Setting up work with Matt Garside and Boy Scouts
- Lady slipper pollination survey.
- Consultation with Deb Perkins concerning native species to plant in HOP.
- Mike Murphy area—tree doing well/ invasives to remove/good infusion of milkweed
- Work to improve our GIS mapping
- Preparation for tree loss due to emerald ash borer—replacement species?
- Asphalt pile in town pit—could be locally recycled?
- Continued invasive species control

**Fred Huntress and Fred Morton** reported on a property which they believe has been clear cut and subsequently managed in an illegal manner. The Commission requested them to prepare a letter to the appropriate state authorities to request investigation.

**Paul Drowns** offered his special knowledge of invasives to assist our program.

**Barry** will see if he can place a newspaper report of the Arbor Day program that was done by Fred H. and Alan with a Poland School class.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:30pm. Next meeting will be July 13 at 6:30pm at Ricker Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald Stover, Secretary