

Poland Conservation Commission

Town of Poland
1231 Maine St.
Poland, Maine 04274

Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2019

Members Present: Barry Morgan(co-chairperson), Fred Huntress(co-chairperson), Jean Potuchek(Treasurer), Donald Stover(Secretary), Fred Morton, Mike Murphy, John Laskey, James Walker (Selectperson)

Minutes of February meeting were reviewed and approved with two corrections as follows:
Change “Heart of Poland” sub-heading to “Waterhouse Park” and correct spelling from “Estys Bog” to “Estes Bog.”

Treasurer's Report: There are no changes in the financial report from last month. Committee approved payment of annual dues to Maine Association of Conservation Commissions. Statement is expected in near future. Agreed to pay Baker Design \$3791 from the Special Revenues account.

Waterhouse Park: An FRP for bridge will be presented for approval to new selectboard in April. The final design will be discussed with Planning Board on April 9.

Heart of Poland: Matt Garside, Town Manager, had requested we discuss purchase of Hilt Hollow, Lot 6. After extensive discussion, we decided to ask Mr. Garside to negotiate directly with the owner. After review of obligations and expected future budget, Comm. agreed we could designate \$20,000 for this purpose. Comm. suggested that Matt negotiate with the owner on a purchase price. A sales contract would be contingent upon our ability to raise the remainder above \$20,000 in a specified time period. We would then presumably have option of using funds from projected sale of Jackson lot or a fund raising campaign. There was also discussion of extending easement to cover Lot 5.

Town Meeting: Jean will speak to article which would allow proceeds from sale of Sadie Jackson Lot to go to Conservation Reserve. Support is also needed for Tif article which designates \$40,000 for recreational trails.

Earth Day: Jean and Don reported on plans for April 27 event. Don will do a promotional display at Town Meeting with handouts of Invasives Brochure, Trail Maps and a flier for Earth Day event. Fred, Jean and Alan Audet will participate in program Other volunteers are needed.

MEACC annual meeting will be on April 27. Mike and Barry will attend.

Open Space Planning: Because of a full agenda, this item was postponed to April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10 at 7pm in Ricker Library Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Stover, Secretary