

Poland Conservation Commission

Town of Poland
1231 Maine St.
Poland, Maine 04274
Meeting Minutes, July 13, 2022

Members Present: Barry Morgan(co-chairperson), Fred Huntress(co-Chairperson), Donald Stover (Secretary), John Young (Treasurer), Alan Audet, Naturalist and Trailmaster, Fred Morton, Steve Robinson (Selectboard Liaison), Paul Drowns (associate member)

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

Minutes of June meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's report: The Conservation Reserve Fund stands at \$9,298. The Operating Fund has \$104,221.33, of which \$101,900 is dedicated to land acquisition and/or easements. There were expenditures of \$1057.53 for supplies for trails projects, conservation brochures and a title search.

Election of Officers: Current officers were re-elected as follows:

Co-chairmen: Fred Huntress and Barry Morgan

Secretary: Don Stover (because Don has a health problem, Barry will cover for the next few months)

Treasurer: John Young

Naturalist and Trail Master: Alan Audet

Naturalist report: Plans for creating a clearing in HOP were outlined. Fred has marked trees which should be retained. There was discussion of dealing with invasive plants in HOP. Alan also announced that he will be hosting an “invasive plant walk” for the public in Waterhouse Park.

Alan will meet with the NEFF representative on August 5 to review our easements.

Other business: Fred presented a letter he has drafted to a citizen. The commission endorsed the letter.

Alan Audet and Fred Huntress were featured along with El Fanus' class in Sun-Journal article about trees.

Boy Scout leader, Chris Fox would like to work with Conservation on future projects.

Barry is working on improving the Conservation presence and placement on town web site.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Next meeting will be August 10 at 6:30pm at Ricker Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Stover, Secretary