

Poland Conservation Commission

Town of Poland
1231 Maine St.
Poland, Maine 04274

Meeting Minutes, April 10, 2019

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

Minutes of February meeting were reviewed and approved with correction to abbreviation for “Request for Proposals” (RFP).

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that, “Since our last meeting, a payment of \$3791.36 was made to Baker Design Consultants for their work on the Waterhouse Park bridge. This payment was made from the special revenue funds designated for this project. This leaves balances of \$12,408.64 in the special revenues fund, \$12,829.41 in our operating funds, and \$15,535.60 in the conservation reserve fund.”

Open Space Planning: Discussion of Open Space Planning and associated maps has been indefinitely postponed.

Earth Day: Jean and Don reported on plans for April 27 event and members were asked to volunteer. The event is co-sponsored by Conservation, Trails and Friends of Ricker..

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

Town Meeting: The TIF fundiing article passed. This should make available funds for trail improvements including bridge at Waterhouse Park. Article relating to sale of “Sadie Jackson” lot was also passed. Thanks were extended to Jean for clear presentation of this complicated article.

Value of Open Space and Conservation Land. Fred presented a white paper on this topic and there was discussion on ways in which we could develop and improve collaboration with the Community and Economic Development Comm. This discussion will be revisited in the future. The committee thanked Fred for preparing his statement.

Calendar. It was suggested that the committee maintain an annual calendar of recurring activities (such as budgeting, selection of officers, etc). and when they should appear on the agenda. Don will present a draft at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8 at 7pm in Ricker Library Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Stover, Secretary