

Poland Conservation Commission

Town of Poland
1231 Maine St.
Poland, Maine 04274

Meeting Minutes, June 12, 2019

Members Present: Barry Morgan(co-chairperson), Fred Huntress(co-Chairperson), Jean Potuchek(Treasurer), Donald Stover(Secretary), Mike Murphy, Steve Robinson(Selectboard Liason), Walter Gallagher(Associate), James Walker.

Minutes of May meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported: Changes since last meeting are payments of \$1,621.08 to Davis Land Surveying (from Waterhouse Park special revenues) for work on the Waterhouse Park bridge site plan and of \$150 to the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions (from our operating budget) for annual membership. This leaves balances of:
\$14,955.41 – Operating Funds

\$15,535.60 – Conservation Reserve Fund

\$ 8,511.56 – Waterhouse Park Special Revenues

Three donations totaling \$1800 have been made toward the purchase of Lot 6, Hilt Hollow.

This was Jean's final meeting. The Committee thanked her for her three years of service.

Waterhouse Park: Fred reported that state authorities have removed ATV Trail signs that recently appeared on Poland Corner Rd., Rt. 26 and White Oak Hill. This effectively ends the utility of the railroad bed in Waterhouse Park as an ATV route. There was discussion about asking the Selectboard to prohibit ATV traffic on that section of the railroad bed. ATVs have caused serious erosion and mud holes in this area. It was decided that we should prepare a comprehensive plan for the future of Waterhouse Park including emphasis on its future as a naturalist and educational site. Proposal for trail rules would be part of that document. Alan Audet and Deborah Perkins should be consulted in creating such a plan.

MEACC: Barry reported that members of the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions were highly complimentary of Jean's Invasives Brochure with two towns requesting copies. There was some discussion of where we go from here with regard to invasives on our conservation land.

Heritage Days: Barry will host a table for us at Heritage Days on June 22.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Stover, Secretary