

**SOUTH PORTLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**City Hall – Lower Level Conference Room**

**Members**

Patti Smith	City Council member
David Critchfield, Chair	District 1; Pock
Will Fritzmeier	District 2; Smith
Mitchell Sturgeon	District 3; Linscott
Monika Youells	District 4; Cohen
Nathan Marles, Vice Chair	District 5; Jalbert
Bob Klotz	At Large; Blake
Alison Spaulding, Secretary	District 4; (Associate member); Cohen
Sara Zografos	At Large; Beecher

**Present:** Alison Spaulding, David Critchfield, Will Fritzmeier, Nathan Marles, Mitchell Sturgeon, Sara Zografos, Monika Youells

**Absent:** Bob Klotz

**Meeting Date:** June 2, 2014

**Resolved,** that the minutes of the 5/19/2014 meeting be approved as presented.

**Administrative Matters:**

**New Business:**

- a. David Critchfield brought in a brochure created by the Town of Falmouth designed to educate residents about invasive plant species in Maine. Format, size and content was similar to what we could do in conjunction with the Energy and Recycling Committee on composting and plastic bag usage/recycling. David will get information prior to next meeting on cost and distribution of Falmouth's brochure
- b. In depth discussion had about plastic bag usage and its impact on the environment. Suggestions about the Conservation Commission's role included:
  - a. SPCC to buy cloth bags (similar to those marketed at Hannaford) with a plastic bag recycling message on it to sell at local businesses
  - b. Alison Spaulding suggested approaching businesses with a larger cloth bag, also customized with a recycling message for use in local businesses so that there are places other than just Hannaford and Shaw's to bring the plastic bags
  - c. Sarah Zografos will reach out to ECOMaine to see if they have a formal recycling message and also if they would join us in a effort centered around plastic bag recycling.
- c. We had a brief discussion about the future of the old Public Works site. Sarah Zografos is going to reach out to the DEP at the end of the summer to get a status update.

**Ongoing Commission Matters:**

- a. Freshwater Compensation Fund
  - i. Balance as of March 11, 2014 is \$185,674.10
- b. Grants – new
  - i. Nature Conservancy annual grant is requiring letters of intent to be submitted by June 30<sup>th</sup>. David will put together a letter outlining our intent with Barberry Creek in order to see if we are eligible for funds.
- c. Grants – existing
  - i. CWA Section 604(b) and 319 grants - No activity

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held Monday, July 21, 2014 at 6:30PM. There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon motion duly made, it was,

**RESOLVED**, to adjourn.

A true record.

Alison Spaulding, Secretary