

## Ordinance Committee Minutes from 11/19/20 Meeting

**Members Present:** Ashley Krulik, John MacKinnon, Amanda Pratt, Jeff Dennis, Amanda Lessard, Tom Peterson, Dennis Brown, Heather Hunt

**Agenda:** Review criteria to consider when developing recommendations for a nutrient management ordinance in the Falmouth portion of the Highland Lake watershed, consisting of the Highland Lake Residential District (800-foot-wide strip of land abutting the lake shore) and the Highland Lake Conservation Overlay District (Falmouth portion of the watershed). Accordingly, identify resources (Federal, State, and local agencies) that could be used to develop recommendations. Assign committee members to research those resources.

The following list of criteria was evaluated when considering nutrient management recommendations:

- Animal type (hobby farm type animals)
- Animal density (animals per acre)
- Terrain (e.g., slope of land)
- Proximity to water bodies and wetlands
- Natural buffers
- Structural BMPs
- Imported feed versus grazing.
- Rotational grazing
- Manure management/containment
- Summer management versus winter management
- Drinking water sources
- Location and type of shelters
- Other criteria

A discussion ensued about adding paddock areas (small field or enclosure where horses are kept or exercised) and loafing areas (space cows use for behaviors other than feeding or lying, often shady areas). Such areas often contain higher concentrations of manure deposits.

Potential resources for research were then discussed. Names that came up included:

- Matt Randall, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (MDACF), Division of Animal and Plant Health
- Amanda Beal, MDACF Commissioner
- Tom Gordon, MDACF Public Service Coordinator
- Wayne Monroe, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Colin Holme, Lake Environmental Association (LEA) Executive Director
- Wendy Dennis, Limnologist for the Cobbossee Watershed District

Assignments for nutrient management research:

Tom – Federal and State regulations, focusing on those applied to agricultural interests in the Lake Erie watershed

Heather – Federal and State regulations and will speak with Tom Gordon of MDACF and Wayne Monroe of NRCS

Jeff – Cobbossee Watershed District and will speak with Wendy Dennis.

John and Ashley – Local ordinances and will speak with Colin Holme of LEA

Possible date for next meeting may be dependent on if Tom Gordon (MDACF) is available to meet with the committee. Regardless, a Doodle poll will be sent out sometime this month.