

## **Ordinance Committee Minutes from 10/8/20 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Nathan Poore, Ashley Krulik, Ethan Croce, Kim White, John MacKinnon, Amanda Pratt, Jeff Dennis, Amanda Lessard, Tom Peterson

**Agenda:** To review and comment on the proposed Falmouth ordinance change that is intending to correct an administrative error from 2016 that removed the language relative to keeping non-pet animals in certain zones within the Town of Falmouth. The animals include chickens, sheep, goats, horses, cows etc.

A number of concerns were discussed including whether the Highland Lake Residential District should be included in the proposed change to the ordinance. The Highland Lake Residential District is an 800-foot deep strip of land extending back from the shore of Highland Lake. This is to be distinguished from the Highland Lake Conservation Overlay District which is essentially the Falmouth watershed of Highland Lake. After much discussion on phosphorus transfer toward the lake, grandfathering, whether the amount of space per animal was sufficient, and the significant amount of work already done to address gravel road phosphorus sources, it was moved, seconded and passed that the recommendation to the Falmouth Town Council is that the existing ordinance should move forward, but without the Highland Lake Residential District included and that the Ordinance Committee of the HLLT should work with the Town to develop recommendations on a nutrient management approach for the whole watershed (Highland Lake Conservation Overlay District and the Highland Lake Residential District) and propose those recommendations to the Town. The recommendations to include:

Nutrient management, numbers of animals per acre, grandfathering, etc. and coordinate with the Education and Outreach Committee to help residents understand the issues surrounding the keeping of animals within a sensitive watershed.