

**Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**August 21, 2009**

The August meeting was held tonight, at 6:30. Jean Perkins, Dana McLean, Jo Schuman attending.

We welcomed Dana to his first meeting with us. He would like to be a liaison between the Sportsmens club and the Conservation Commission. He is interested in conserving land for all to use and getting ideas flowing between the two groups.

Jean reported on the Phippsburg Land Trust Meeting, especially on Malaga Island and her concerns about how to get out there. It is now owned by the Maine Coast Heritage Trust and anyone can walk the trails. But you have to kayak over, or find someone with a boat!

She also reported on the seasonal tax payers meeting. She talked to them about purple loosestrife, which is blooming now, and how to get rid of it safely.

Jo reported that she contacted Ron Joseph of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service about the phragmites that is beginning to grow in a corner of the marsh on 209 which is on the Coe's property (adjacent to the Bates/Morse Mountain property). She got permission to have it eradicated by all abutting land owners, and Ron Joseph has been able to use stimulus money to contract with a certified eradicator. He will begin his work this September, and come again next year. It takes two applications to work. We are very fortunate that this worked out, as it would eventually take over the whole marsh as it has down at Popham.

Also Jo has a concern about getting milfoil in the already low Center Pond. She has found that there are free signs available from the DEP about cleaning off all boats and equipment before entering the pond.

Question is, are they too big and ugly? Dana is going to look into it. He said that he and some people at the Sportsmens club could put up the signs. We will vote on this in September--if we get a quorum!

Jo posted Ronnie's news report about the beetle release near Center Pond, in the Foyer, along with her photos. Although she submitted this to the paper, the reporter called her, and then wrote his own column for the paper.

We adjourned at 7:00. Next meeting is on September 18.