Poland Conservation Commission Town of Poland 1231 Maine Street Meeting Minutes July 12,2023 @ 6pm Commission members present: Barry Morgan, John Young, Alan Audet Meeting called to order at 6:35pm. Approval of June 14, 2023 meeting minutes. Approval of treasurer’s report : Operating account $106,286.07 and CIP account $5,122.73 Old business: Barry reviewed the planting of the pollinator garden. The garden consists of 4 Lupines, 2 Chokeberry, 4 Bee Balm, 3 Smooth Aster, and 3 Columbines. The shrubs tolerated the transplant well, but they are facing defoliation from Japanese Beetles. A Japanese Beetle bag has been placed in the garden with positive results, and plants were trimmed down. I will continue to monitor the shrubs and water when necessary. Alan reports the need to remove invasive plants at all 3 of our trail systems. We will seek volunteers to assist in this task. New business: Alan plans to work with a teacher from the local elementary school for an upcoming fall project. After permission from the RSU 16 office, a small clearing will be created down by Waterhouse Brook and used as an outdoor classroom. A discussion at tonight’s meeting. members reviewed a plan to create a subcommittee dedicated to expand our trail systems. Barry will contact town administration to update the Conservation web page with current member information. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.