

Manchester Conservation Commission

November 1, 2018

Present: Garry Hinkley, Jeff Reardon, Annie Reiter, Jean-Luc Theriault, Jeff Janell, Fred Snow (associate member), Sara Kingdon(associate member)

Excused: Shenna Bellows, Deb Plengey

Minutes from October meeting were reviewed and approved.

Garry gave update to plan to repair the bridge off of the forest trail at Jamies Pond . Work day is set on Nov 18 , probably at 9, and Boy Scouts will do labor (Tom Bartol is contact). Up to \$500 is budgeted for any lumber that needs to be purchased. Jean Luc Theriault is heading this up with Garry. A work day was done to clear and flag the spur trail that runs up towards Maple Hill Farm.

The single stream recycling "silver bullet" will be ending on December 31st. No updates from Augusta as to what their relationship will be with Ecomaine or other recycling options. Since we don't have updates or options to propose yet we haven't scheduled a meeting with haulers. Sara had a conversation with Leslie Jones who gave more detail about recycling fees and how they influence . She was told that we cannot connect our recycling to Augusta. Sara suggests we look into Hallowell and Readfield as options for recycling. We discuss different approaches, including utilizing savings from monies currently spent on EcoMaine.

Kennebec West has applied for a grant to the King Foundation to develop a regional strategy to attract new farmers to our area and supporting right to farm issues and supportive ordinances at the municipal level. She is finding that the right to farm issue is more complex than initially thought so is not easily captured on a rack card or simply presented in public forums at this time.

In Summerhaven, the road and culvert work was done at Fairbanks Town Forest but harvest has not started yet. Garry did a ride around on the multi-use trail and found it discontinued around the shooting range and it was very chewed up.

The 40 acre Richards property has a parcel of 5.8 acres going on sale. It is on the higher and dry part with minimal road frontage.

In Hallowell Res they are moving towards improving mapping and brochures. They are considering permit parking, rules about dogs.

Fred presented information on other town's ordinances for regulating Styrofoam/ polystyrene container usage. He presented information from Camden and Freeport. We discuss who a possible ordinance would apply to (town, retail, schools?). We will continue to look into the issue, including whether pre-packaged food could or should be included.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:21PM.