

April 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes, Manchester Conservation Commission

Attended: Garry Hinkley, Deb Plengey, Annie Reiter, Jean-Luc Theriault, Sara Kingdon (assoc), Fred Snow (assoc).

Absent: Shenna Bellows, Jeff, Jannell, Jeff Reardon

Guests: Toni Pied (FOCW), April Gay (Town Deputy Tax Collector)

1. Approved March meeting minutes
2. Toni Pied from Friends of Cobbossee Watershed visited the meeting. She provided a slide show of who they are and the important work they do in the community. Highlights include:
 - Vulnerable watershed due to development, visitors, quantity of lakes
 - Poor lake quality impacts value of lake front property which impacts property taxes. Devalue up to 20%
 - Popular programs include
 - i. Slow the Flow, a Youth Conservation Corps
 - ii. Courtesy Boat Inspections – FOCW performs 15% of all CBI statewide!
 - iii. Invasive plant patrol
 - 3 year campaign to raise \$250,000 to fund efforts to remove invasive plants found in Annabassacook Lake; survey the Annabassacook and Cobbossee Lakes for invasive plants, provide education about invasive plants.
 - Education programs for developing future lake stewards.
 - i. Classroom (free to schools),
 - ii. Summer and school break camps for grades 3-5
 - FOCW has moved their offices to Marshfield Crossing on Route 202
 - Toni asked the commission for advice on how to reach other people in our towns who don't live on the lake. Ideas included:
 - i. Providing materials to folks who are renewing boat licenses
 - ii. Customize materials for Town of Manchester

After Toni left, the commission discussed making a one-time contribution to the 3-year capital campaign.

Annie Reiter made a motion: to contribute \$1,000 from the Manchester Conservation Commission account to the FOWC 3-year Cobbossee Annabessacook Milfoil Project Campaign, which will help protect Cobbossee Lake from future spread of invasive aquatic plants.

Seconded Deb Plengey

3. Recycling/ solid waste update: Garry and April Gay, Deputy Tax Collector, reviewed the grant application for funds to help create a new recycling program for the Town of Manchester. April asked the commission:
 - For general input on grant application. She reviewed section of the grant that describes the Manchester Conservation Commission.
 - To review the history section closely and forward any edits and suggestions.
4. Styrofoam ban update
5. Roadside cleanup: April 27th. The commission noted that the Boy Scouts would not be participating this year. Next we reviewed Deb's promotional poster, made plans to put up signs and place information on the Fire Station billboard. Garry agreed to get 4 dozen donuts from Lakeside.
6. Kennebec West update: Mark Arsenault returned the Town Farm Friendly test for the town of Winthrop. No response from Town of Monmouth yet.
7. Legislative report:
 - General updates were tabled.
 - Commission did discuss the creative "work around" Dollar General has crafted to continue using plastic bags. They are calling their bags reuseable. Commission discussed how to remove the language about single-use. Also discussed the state-wide ban that is being developed.
8. Planning Board report: tabled
9. MEACC report: Fred promoted the upcoming annual MEACC meeting on April 27, 2019 from 9 am to 1 pm at Curtis Memorial Library.

Meeting adjourned at XX?

Submitted by Annie Reiter