

Manchester Conservation Commission

Present: Gary Hinkley, chair, Annie Reiter, Deb Plengey, Fred Snow (assoc), Shenna Bellows

- Minutes from March accepted.
- Annie - Kennebec West Update -
 - Legislative Dinner went well
 - Nancy Smith attended the Winthrop Chamber of commerce breakfast and was well received.
 - Trent Emery from Wayne is very interested
 - Bruce Bergone from Readfield also very interested
 - Nancy Smith did a presentation on Monmouth' status with the Volunteer Municipal Farm Support ordinance and program. Hopes that this will be a template for other towns to use.
 - Next steps are to come up with whats next, add Wayne and Readfield and continue work with mapping and surveys. Ordinance review is mostly done.
- Roadside Cleanup, April 28
 - Dumpsters on order, bags on order.
 - Scouts, church and Kennebec Saving are sending teams.
 - Will do an email blast to town list.
- Gary to ask Pat to check on status of Two Trees
- Plastic Bag Ordinance will be going to vote on election day in June.
- Legislative Report - Shenna
 - Solar bill vetoed by governor. Not overridden
 - Bill to limit wind development defeated
 - clean water bonds in appropriations - not optimistic
 - Broadband Bill getting lots of interest

Thursday, April 5, 2018

- Override of local control for pesticides did not pass house.
- MEACC report - Fred
 - 13 Conservation Commissions present. Each rep shared what they were doing . Lots going on in southern Maine. Preserving properties, working on invasive species. Poland CC set up a game camera and tied it into face book to get people interested in the trails.
 - Next is outreach to other towns.A
- Solid waste
 - Banner is working. Extra pickups planned for next week.
 - Gary to ask Pat to reinstate licensing requirement for haulers
 - Towns that have curbside recycling have more success then we do.
- Hallowell res report - Gary
 - Study to evaluate usage of the res and to encourage more use.
 - Strategize on how to take public input on res usage.
 - Planing on the ground signage