

Manchester Conservation Commission

January 10, 2019

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

Excused: Shenna Bellows, Annie Reiter

Minutes from December meeting were reviewed and approved.

The town forest harvest at Fairbanks has been completed. Garry reports that it was well done and looks good already without much follow up needed. Concern is that it is much more open to ATV traffic and we will try to post No ATV signs. They got close to \$60,000 from the harvest. We will have nearly 20K going into conservation account.

We are looking at possible trail work on Manchester property to connect the Kerns Hill/ Granite Hill Rd area with Hallowell Res. Garry and Jean-Luc will scout out possible options for biking/ hiking options. 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. Will also monitor Hallowell's progress in researching right of way that links Granite Hill Rd with the res on an abutting property.

The single stream recycling "silver bullet" ended on December 31st. No updates from Augusta as to what their relationship will be with Ecomaine or other recycling options. Pat has spoken with Leslie Jones and Bill Bridgeo. Since we don't have updates or options to propose yet we haven't scheduled a meeting with haulers. Haulers only option is to go to Hatch Hill and would have to sort recycling and still pay 45/ ton vs 90/ton. Manchester's only option is to take single stream recycling to Hatch Hill but have to get a permit. We could look into Hallowell and Readfield as options for recycling. Also discussed revisiting curbside pickup for trash and recycling. Sara has talked with Riverside and gotten a \$22 a month quote. We will invite them to our next meeting to discuss options, and we will also continue to look at Hallowell and Readfield as options.

Kennebec West has not had any activity in the past month.

Group discussed doing Roadside Cleanup in spring, looking at end of April (20th). Garry will check with Hope Baptist and Scouts and have Shenna check in with Kennebec Savings.

Fred presented suggestions for draft proposal of a Styrofoam/ polystyrene container ordinance. Fred distributed the proposal and reviewed the proposed ordinance. It would prohibit sale of food or beverage in polystyrene or the containers themselves. A ppt was also presented from Brunswick. Committee was in favor of pursuing this. Timeline would be to have it heard by selectmen, get approval to move to public hearing, and then get posted into Town Meeting Warrant for spring. Fred will finalize the write up and presentation and it will be presented to Town Board. By unanimous vote MCC supported moving this to Select Board.

Jeff gave update on Planning Board issues. Said storage building proposed between Puddledock and Prescott is not on next agenda but is raising discussion about what special exception means. There was also discussion that screening enforcement should be applied.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 8:41PM. Next meeting will be first Thursday in February.