

Manchester Conservation Commission

August 2, 2018

Present: Garry Hinkley, Deb Plengey, Jean-Luc Theriault, Jeff Reardon, Annie Reiter, Jeff Janell, Shenna Bellows

Meeting called to order at 07:07PM.

Minutes were not available from June meeting, group did not meet in July.

Plastic bag ordinance passed. We are preparing an informational flier to distribute to local businesses to promote compliance. The campaign flier will be reworked for distribution.

There was a sparse turn out for town meeting. Budget passed for MCC. While a local road was partially closed non-motorized access was preserved.

Ecomaine has reported that we have one of the highest contamination rates in the state. We have had two loads rejected at significant cost to the town. The selectmen will hire a student to educate people at high use time. We are getting clarification about what material is allowed and not, continues to change. We will continue to monitor how we can support compliance in recycling.

A contractor has been hired to do the forestry work, they are Brown and Brown from Norway. They came in at \$45,350 in anticipated revenue and will start in November. This is higher than the initial estimate of what will be earned on this (\$38,000). They are highly recommended by Harold Burnett of Two Trees who feels it will be a clean operation. A quarter of these funds go to the Conservation account, and $\frac{3}{4}$ go to general revenues.

Garry notes that while he was biking on Res he found that a skidder trail from the Pipeline to the "Bog Pond west" (on town property) showed signs of people 4 wheeling in, digging up the road. Also was a deer stand with bait, and someone had repaired a bridge. The deer stand and ATV access may be illegal, wardens has been notified and we are also planning to post signs.

The Monmouth farmland property tax ordinance passed, second in the area with Winslow. Kennebec West is working on final data gathering from towns about farmland use and land use area. They are wrapping up current grant project and need to submit final budget. Deb notes a request to have farmer representation on each town's Conservation Commission.

Planning Board discussed number of camper trailers stored on various properties. Worthings have also been storing boats. Question is what will happen with this in the future, ordinances are unclear. There is also question of how to permit this and what regulations should be in place to address this.

Discussion also included the needs of landowners to make money on open space.

Also there is a 5 lot subdivision that had been approved years ago off of Rt 17 by the orchard. These had been given away but planning board is reviewing if initial restrictions continue to apply as current owners request changes.

Hallowell Res Committee is still meeting monthly. They did distribute a survey and have gotten requests for more trails and better signage. They are still working on settling boundaries. Need to clarify if town of Hallowell has right of way off of end of Beacon Way.

Jean-Luc spoke about progress on trails at Howard Hill, is developing a walking trail by the cliff and will be allowing bikes to go over from Augusta to Hallowell. They will try to be getting an ADA compliant trail up there as well but that will require fundraising.

Slate of officers elected. Garry Hinkley will be chair next year. Deb Plengey will be vice chair, Jeff Janell will be secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 825PM.