

Manchester Conservation Commission

September 6, 2018

Present: Garry Hinkley- chair, Jeff Janell, Jean-Luc Theriault, Fred Snow-associate, Shenna Bellows

Guest: Sarah Kingon

EcoMaine has sent a letter saying that they are ending the "zero-fee" arrangement that we had with them effective December 31st. At the same time, the Select Board had decided that we could not afford the transportation and tipping fees that were being incurred due to a high rate of contamination. There is no back up plan though the Select Board is meeting Tuesday night. We are open to suggestions. We will be tied to some extent to what Hatch Hill decides to do. We will be out of money in the budget line by 12/31 due to the extra cost incurred by paying for the tipping fee for contaminated trash.

August minutes were approved.

Jean Luc reports on harvest at Jamies which will wrap up this winter. It is still going on though some people are approaching KLT about beginning to clear trails in areas where the cutting is thought to be complete. We are tentatively looking at Sunday Oct 21st for a volunteer work day.

We had a general discussion of options for utilizing volunteers including MCC work crews and potential stewards. We will explore this though it is cautioned that these crews require oversight and direction.

The Hallowell Res project is coming along, survey reveals desire for better signage and maintenance. We will revisit ownership of the property where someone has been riding off of the pipeline trail into a deer stand, but it crosses town property.

Kennebec West gave a report that was disseminated to members and we will discuss next meeting.

There was no planning board report, though some curiosity about outcome of the discussion about trailer and boat storage.

Fred said that he is getting ready to launch a census of conservation commissions in the state during the fall on behalf of Me ACC.

We are not looking at the Strategic Plan right now due to lack of full attendance today, but agree that looking at recycling, solid waste ,and possible a local ordinance on Styrofoam and plastic straws.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.