

Manchester Conservation Commission

October 4, 2018

Present: Garry Hinkley, Jeff Reardon, Annie Reiter, Jeff Janell, Fred Snow (associate member), Sara Kingdon- guest

Excused: Shenna Bellows, Deb Plengey

Minutes from September meeting were reviewed and approved.

The single stream recycling "silver bullet" will be ending on December 31st. We discussed options such as providing incentives to haulers to bring recycling. Augusta will continue to offer single stream recycling in "bullets" as well as making it available at Hatch Hill, where Manchester residents have a contract. We also updated our past efforts to look at waste options. Garry will follow up with Pat to keep the issues moving. We discuss incentivizing haulers in the short term but we are unclear what the conditions are at Hatch Hill.

Kennebec West had a meeting with Garry Nancy and Annie. They are at one year mark. They have money left in Davis grant and will update content on website connected to town website and will do a brochure in conjunction with the Maine Farm Bureau regarding right to farm. Also planning to do a presentation to select boards of member towns. Annie has done some research on Maine local right to farm ordinances that are built into zoning, with setbacks or other "protections". Jean-Luc has done mapping of local farms.

Garry has been to Jamies Pond, says the harvest is pretty much done with the exception of a hemlock stand off of Collins Rd. Trails are currently in good shape, especially on pond side, lots of people walking were seen. There are a few blowdowns that need to be cleared (unrelated to harvest). Real work is on Forest Trail where there is a lot of brush that has grown in. The bridge over the stream requires work and the decking needs to be replaced, it is thought that the stringers are still good. We would like to get some measurements to get an estimate of what needs to be done to repair. Jeff made a motion to request permission from the selectman to either spend money from our budget or get money appropriated from Town Forest harvest. Jean Luc, Garry, and Jeff Reardon available on the 21st of Oct for trail day. They will need people to clear out blow downs that are cut up as well as people to clear out brush on trails. Will start at 9 Am with meeting at parking lot by the pond.

Summerhaven harvest is ahead of schedule. Forester is requesting to get in sooner and would like to sub road work out.

Fred gave MEACC report. We have authorized dues. Next month they are re-launching their census of the CCs in the state. They are offering a training on Nov 8<sup>th</sup> to conservation commissions on how to speak to planning boards and other local government bodies.

Garry said that game warden did investigate deer stand on town property and has issued a summons. It is hoped this will stop the ATV access that was going on .

Sara was voted in as an official associate member.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:27PM.